COPPELION

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井上智徳

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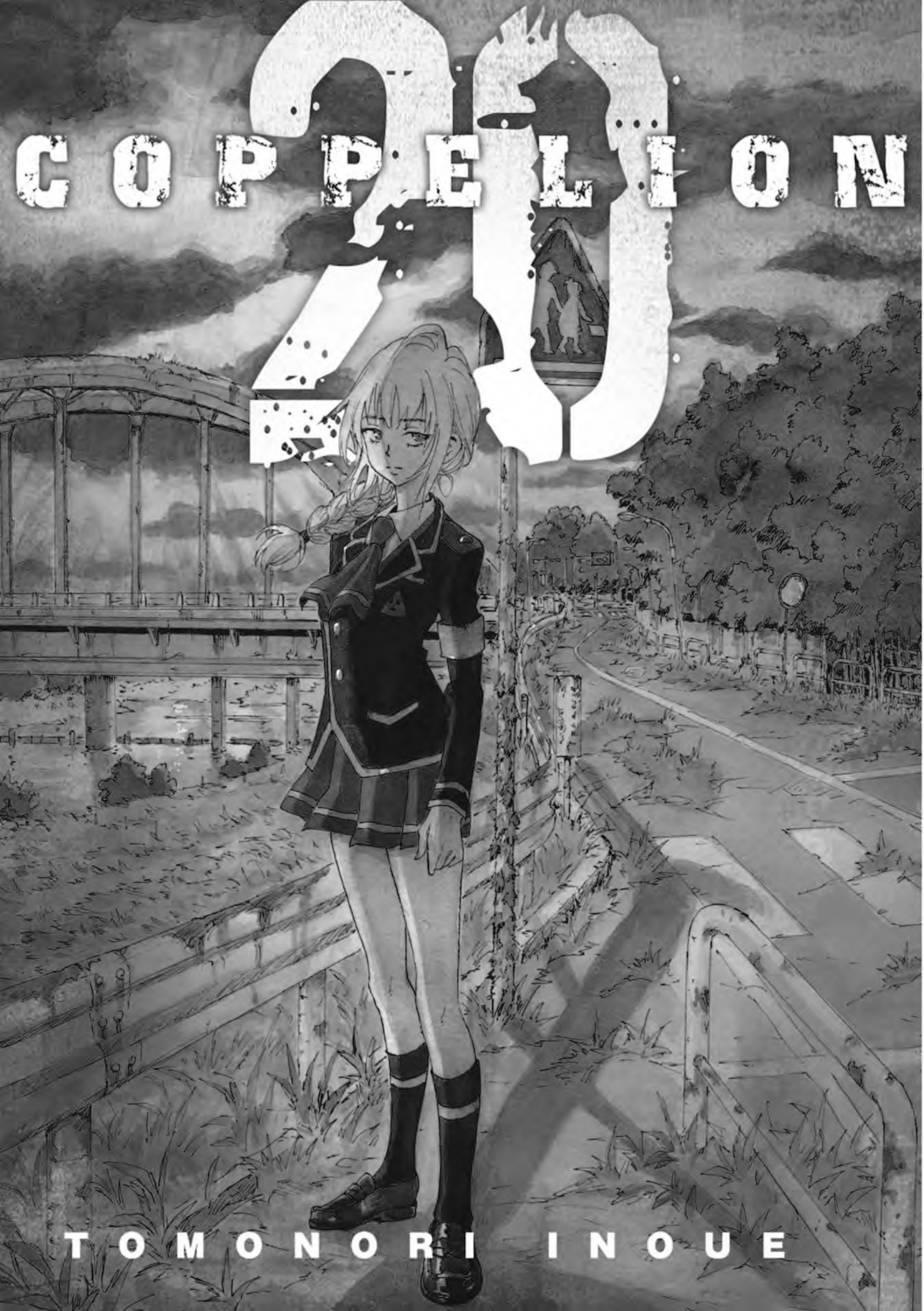
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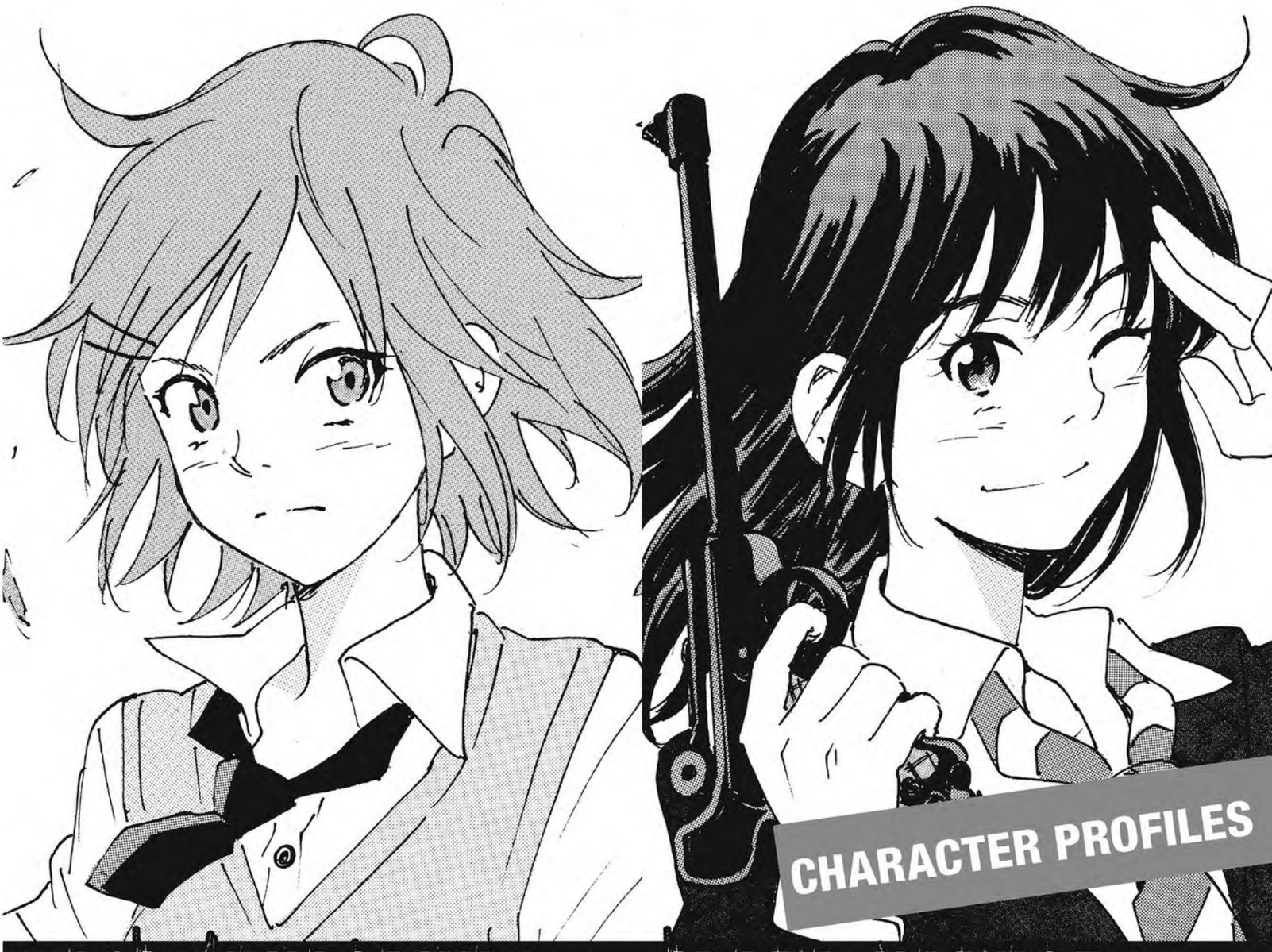

CHARACTER PROFILES

AOI FUKASAKU
(HIGH SCHOOL FIRST-YEAR)

The Medical Unit's cheerful icebreaker. Aoi has a bottomless stomach and a bright personality, but was thought to be a useless, poor student otherwise—except a mysterious power sleeps inside her, as the "complete" Coppelion...

IBARA NARUSE
(HIGH SCHOOL THIRD-YEAR)

Leader of the Coppelion Medical Unit. She possesses staggering athletic ability, and her combat skills are excellent. Relying on her strong conviction to save everyone in Tokyo to give her strength, she leads the search for survivors. Her speech can be a bit rough.

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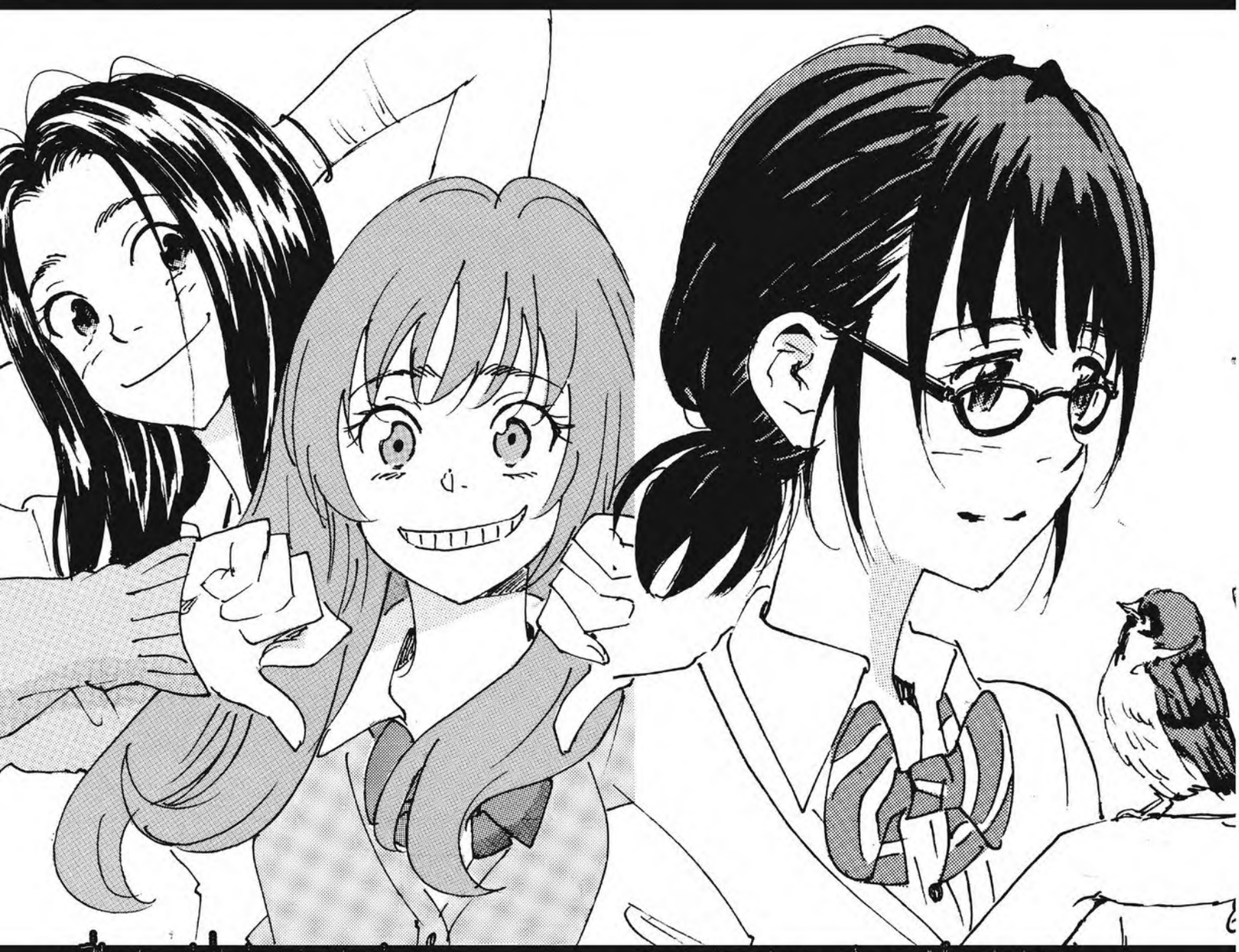

OZU SISTERS
(HIGH SCHOOL THIRD-YEARS)

Twin sisters in the Cleanup Crew. Kanon (right), the older sister, can generate lightning, and Shion (left), the younger sister, has super strength. They're both incredibly violent, but reformed after their battle with Ibara.

TAEKO NOMURA
(HIGH SCHOOL FIRST-YEAR)

The Medical Unit's comforting member. She's quite knowledgeable and has superhuman senses (she wears glasses to reduce her eyesight to 10% of its true strength, because she sees too far). She loves animals.

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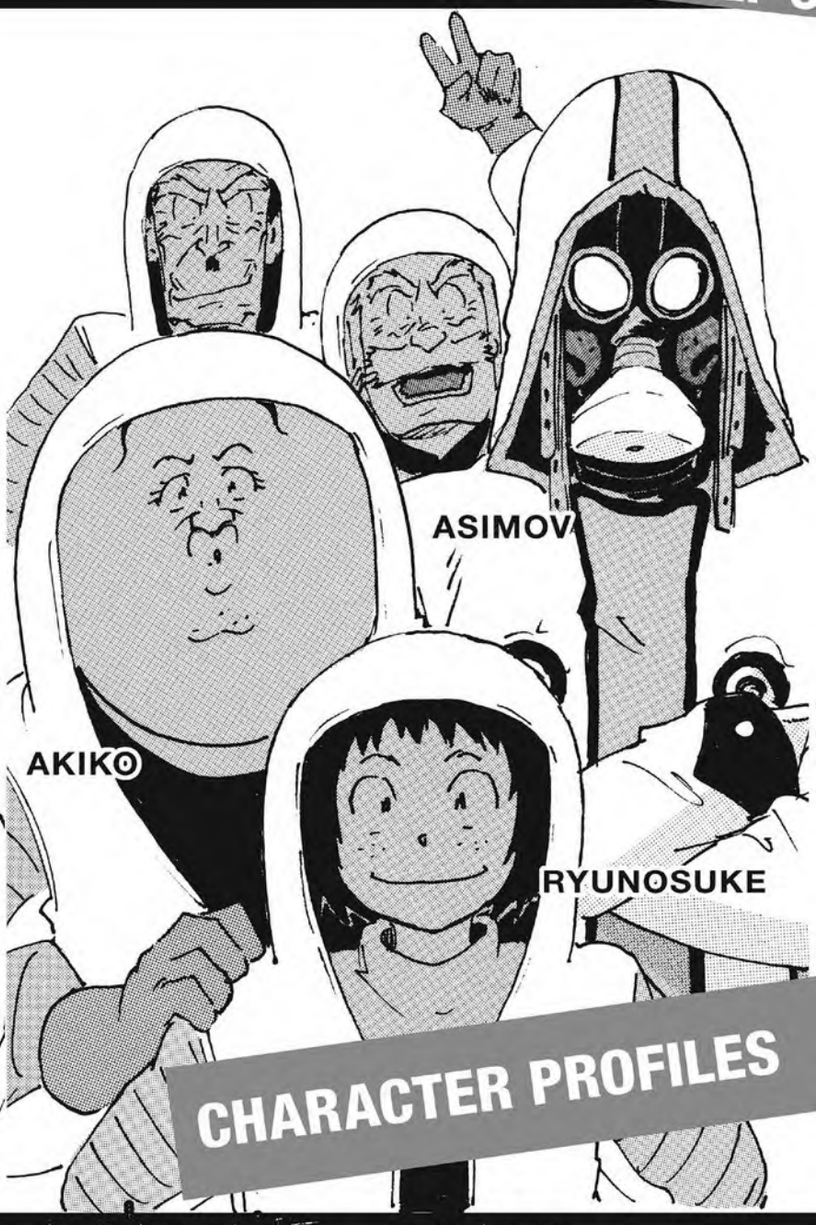
109



CHARACTER PROFILES

MASAMUNE OUGAI

A cold-hearted man controlling the Japanese government from the shadows as Chief Cabinet Secretary. He wants to capture Aoi Fukasaku in order to secure the means to create more complete Coppelion. When Ibara and the others refused to hand Aoi over, he accused them of treason, and announced that they would be bombing Tokyo if the Coppelion don't comply.

SHIBUYA AREA SURVIVORS

The survivors who'd been living in Shelter 109, Shibuya. Now that contaminated water has flooded their shelter, they're determined to finally escape Tokyo, and are heading to Haneda with Ibara and company. There are 55 survivors in all.

KEEP OUT KEEP OUT KEEP OUT KEEP OUT KEEP OUT KEEP OUT KEEP OUT KEEP OUT

CAST

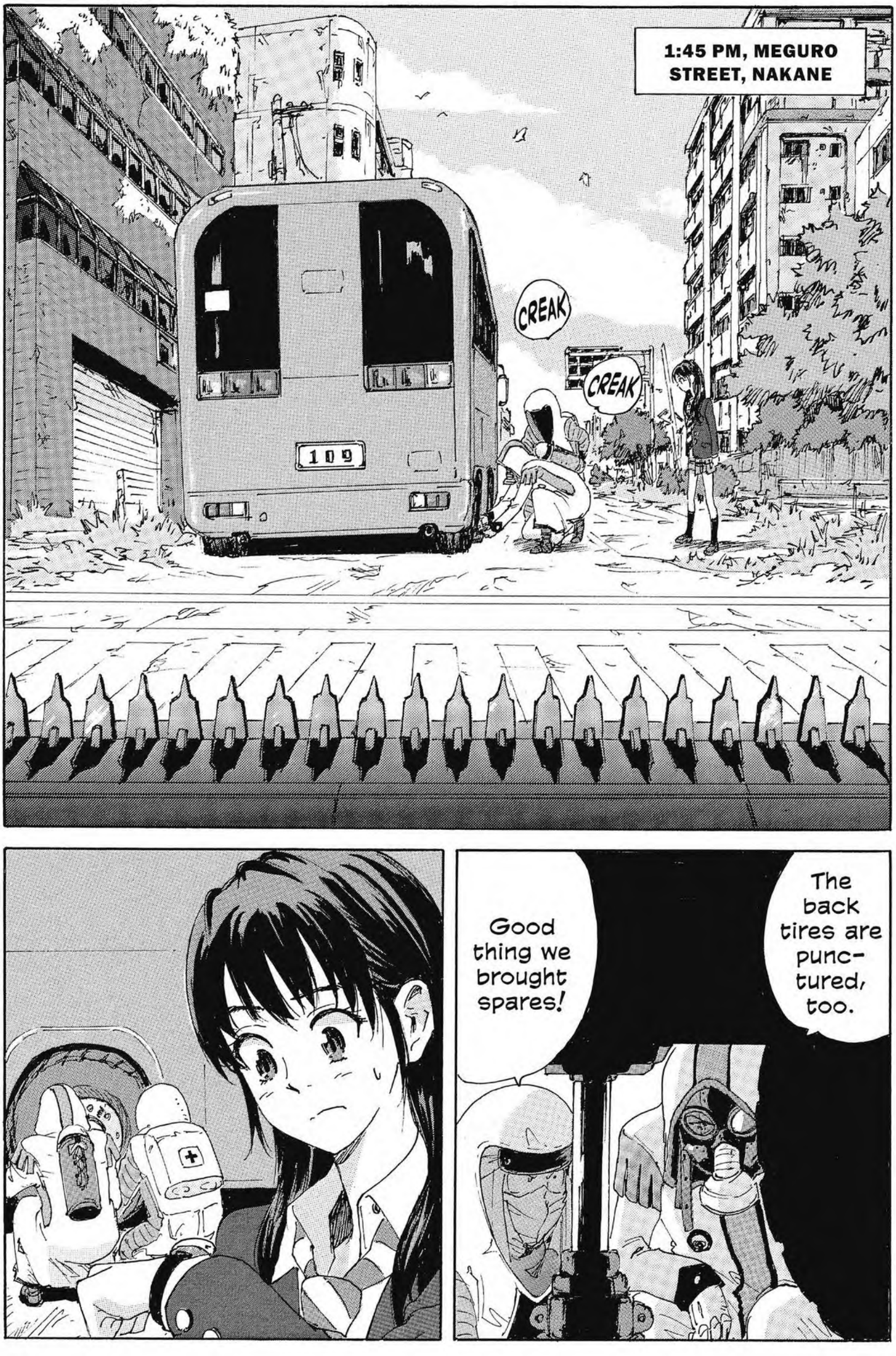
GROUND SELF-DEFENSE FORCE 3RD DIVISION

The many faces of the JGSDF unit to which the Coppelion belong. They were placed in charge of the Tokyo survivor evacuation plans. Onihei Mishima, the division commander, is also vice principal of the special JSDF technical school the Coppelion attended. Assisting Mishima are Ibuse, chief engineer Mushanokoji, and many more, who have been acting as backup for the Coppelion as they carry out their duty. Committed to evacuating the final survivors, they stole the submarine Genryu from the government and are now traveling underwater...

COPPELION

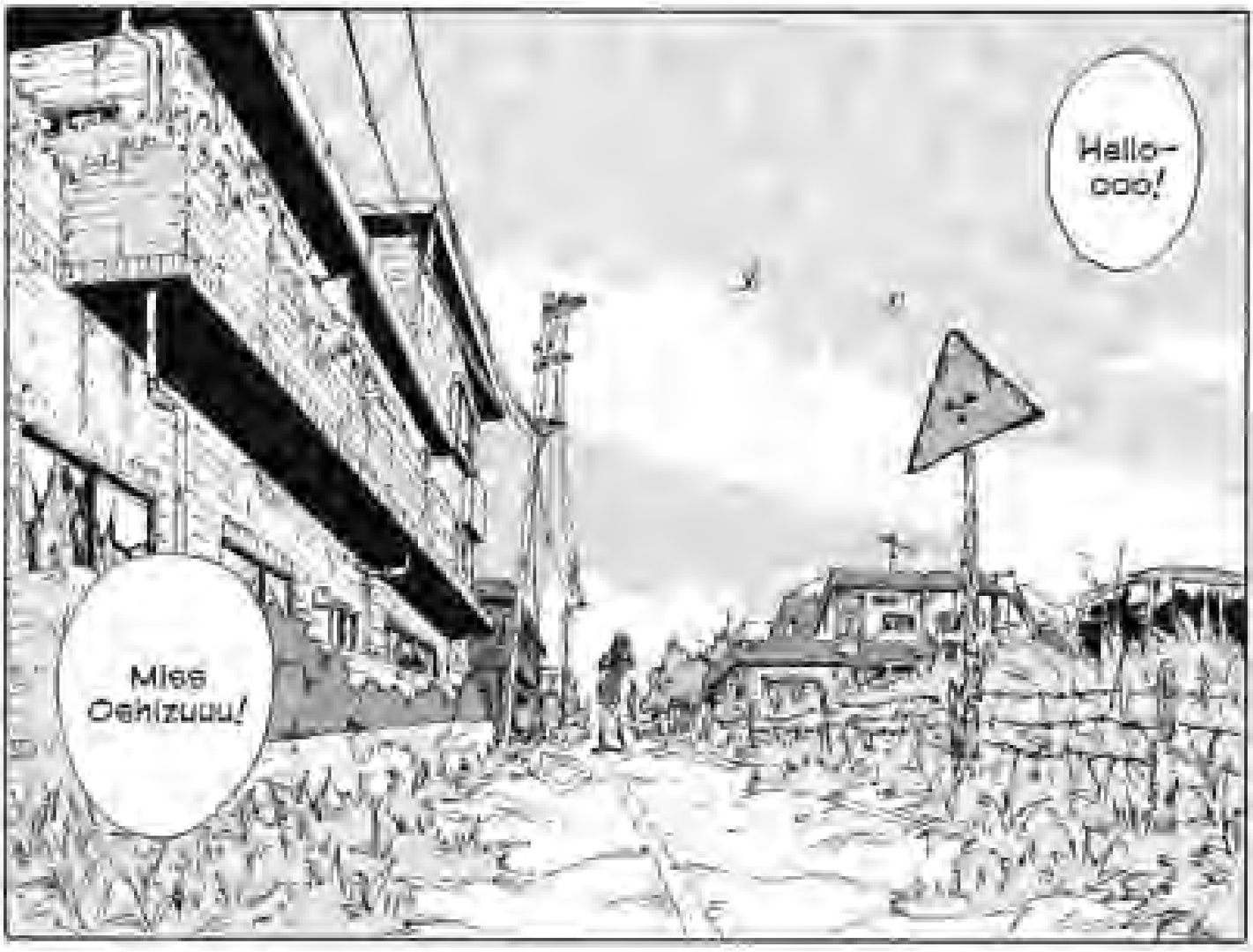
コッペリオン

Act.7【 The Goddess of Jiyugaoka 】


1:45 PM, MEGURO STREET, NAKANE
CREAK
CREAK
109
The back tires are punc-tured, too.
Good thing we brought spares!

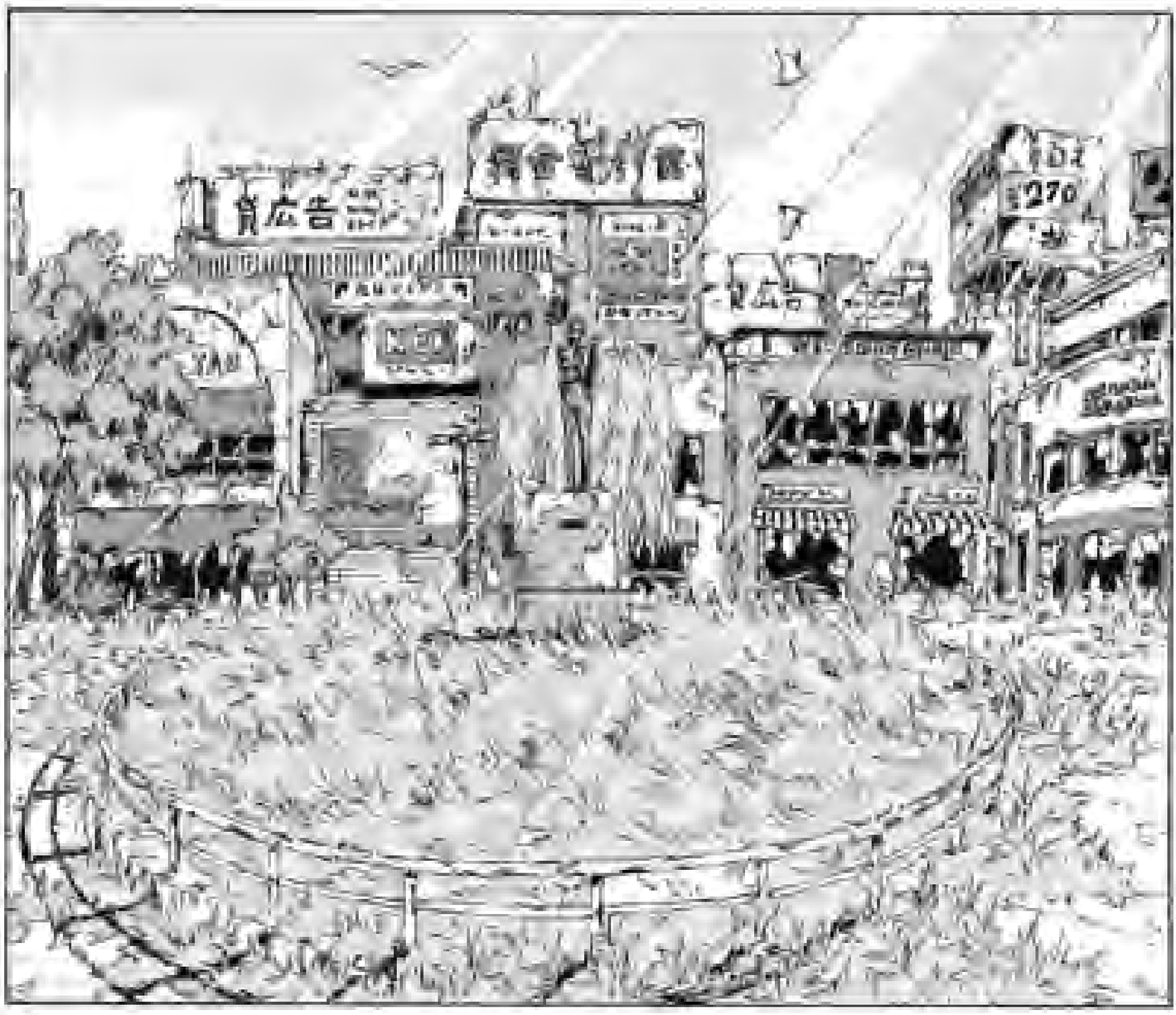
More importantly, who in the heck set that thing up?!
Give us ten minutes!
Is it gonna take much longer to swap tires?
The *Genryu* and the Vice Principal are set to arrive at Haneda Airport at 1600 hours.
It's almost 1400 hours.
VNR2
What, are there damn traffic cops hauntin' this place?!
RESCUE
A spike strip in an abandoned city?
Besides us?! That's crazy!
What?!
There could be more survivors out there ...

It's me, the baker!
HUFF
HUFF
NEON
What's wrong, you guys? Ryunosuke, Wells, and... uh...?
Ibaaaraaa!
TMP
TMP
We gotta find her! Who is she?!
GRAB!!
Missing?!
I only took my eyes offa her for a second!
My wife's gone missin'!
Oh, great. Her.
...
The lady who's always carrying around this weird pointer-thing and muttering about some kinda numbers!
It's Miss Oshizu!

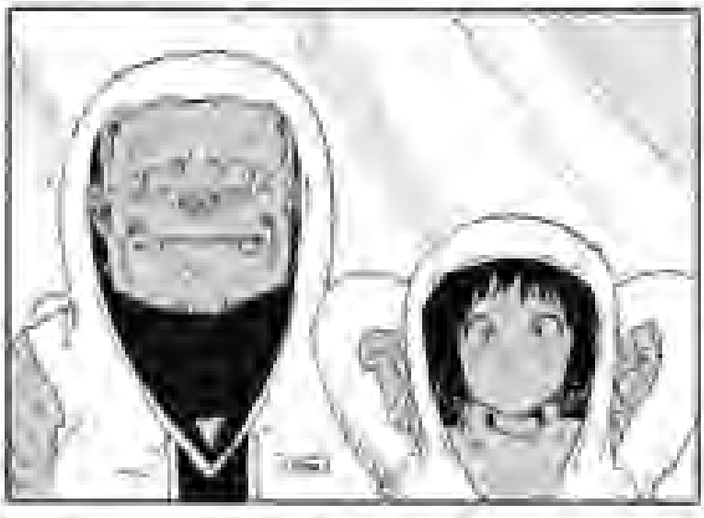

Hello-ooo!
Miss Oshizuuu!

Nuh-uh! Maybe she went further that way?
Didja find her?!

FLAP
That way takes us to...



JIYUGAOKA STATION



An angel ...
Or maybe a god-dess?

FWT FWT

The demons! Satan's emis-saries!
They're here... They're coming ...!

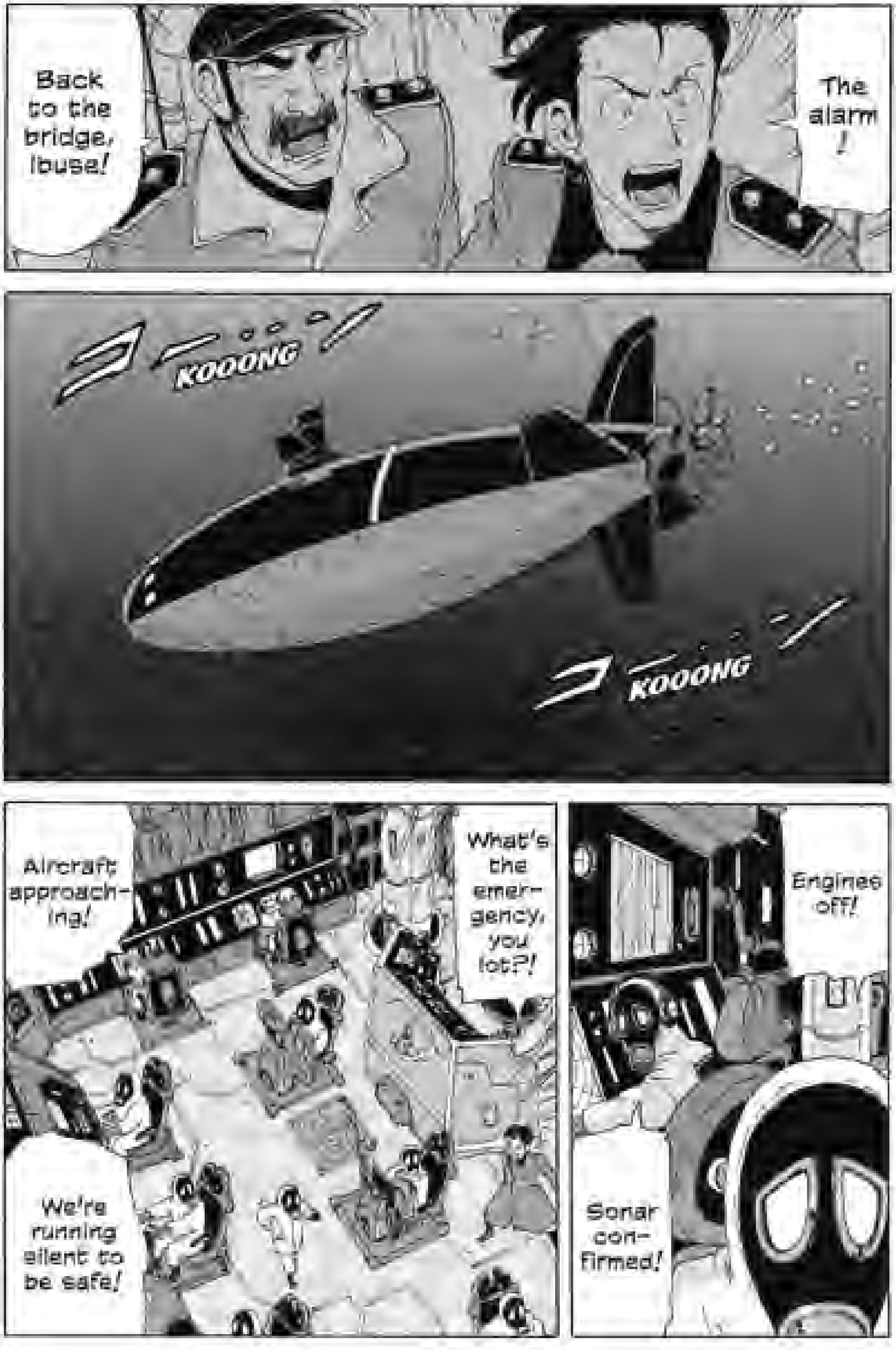
Hush!
I found voices from the underworld!
Glad we found her. Okay, back to the bus!
Oshizu! There ya are!
Hands off!
The Saint Catcher is my invention!
...
Oshizu, this's plain old Earth! There ain't no such thing as demons or Satan!
FWAP
Not this again!
Voices from the underworld...?
FWT
COME IN...
FWT
...IN POSITION.

So it picked up sound waves from nearby?
FWT
Wait, is this a parabolic microphone?
A-a voice?! What in the...
It was a *girl!*
It was from that direction. North-northwest.
Somebody else is here?!
We'd better investigate...
HWOOOO
270

KOOONG
KOOONG
We're on schedule.
Approximately two hours to Tokyo.
Maintain full speed.
Depth, 100 meters. Dive angle, zero.

There's one wrench in the plan...
VP!
HUFF
HUFF
It's me, Colonel Orihei Mishima.
KNOCK KNOCK
Prime Minister Nacsume, are you awake?
He went and locked it from the inside, sir.
H-
KCHK
KCHK

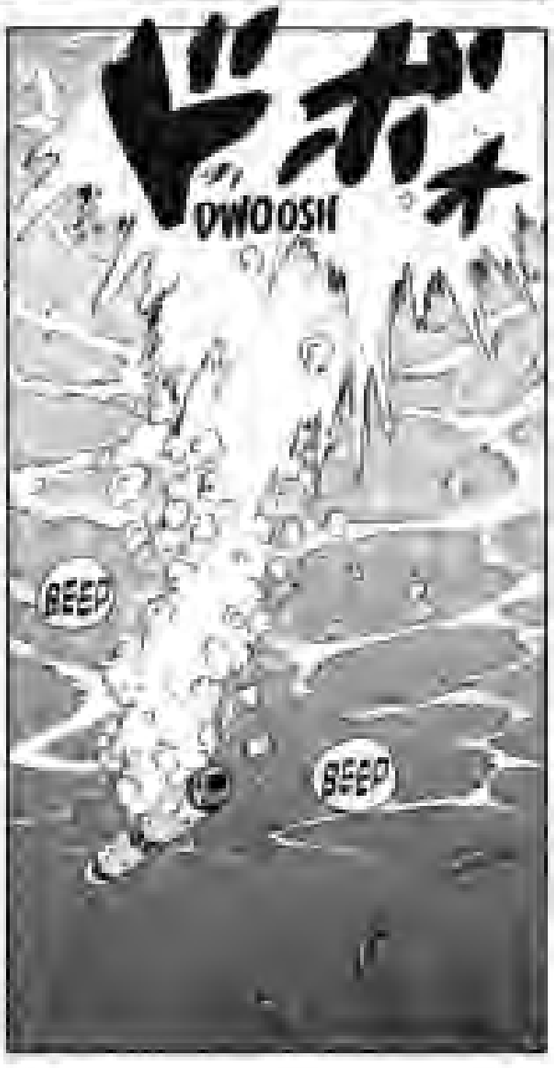
NAM MYOHO RENGE-KYO
NAMU AMIDA BUTSU...
He'll come out when he gets hungry.
Better than having him wandering around.
He's been muttering chants this whole time.
Scared that his "ghost" will show up again or something.
P!
FLUSH

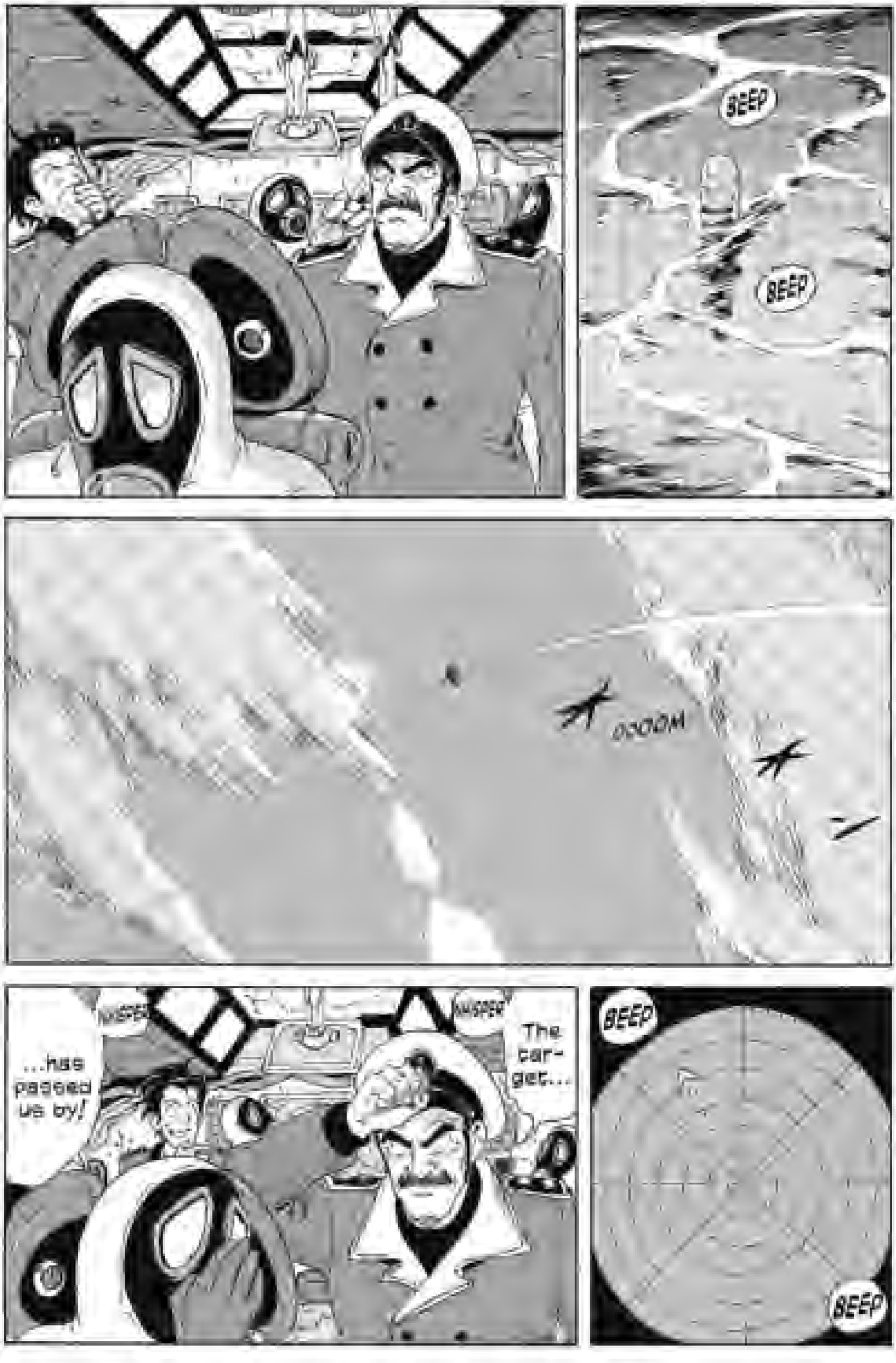

Back to the bridge, Ibuse!
The alarm!
KOOONG
KOOONG
Aircraft approaching!
What's the emergency, you lot?!
We're running silent to be safe!
Engines off!
Sonar confirmed!

BEEP
BEEP
Look! It's one small-sized fighter jet, and it's coming closer!
What's on the radar?!
Don't make a sound.
Men ...
BEEP
BEEP
OOOOM
It's a Black Wings drone!

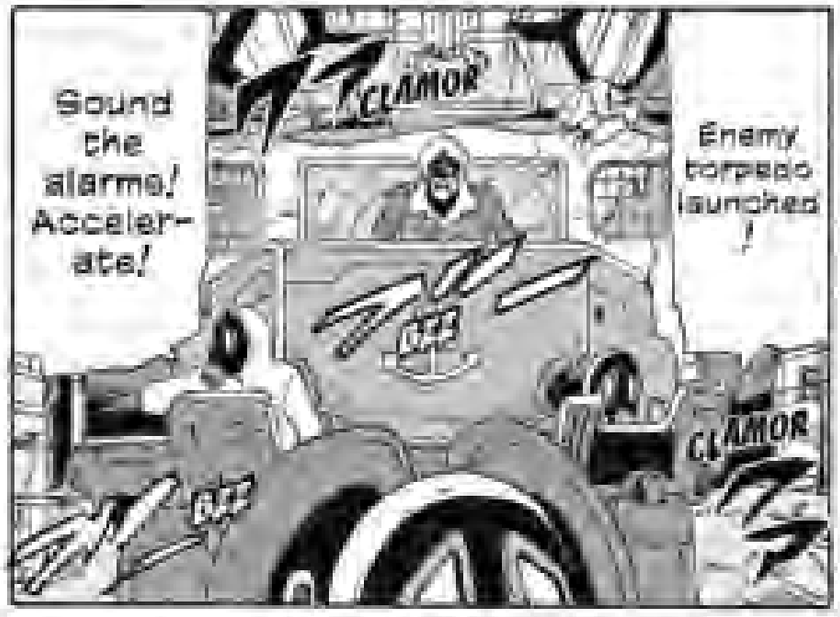
PSSH

WHSPSH
WHSPSH
They're listening for our coordinates!
It deployed a sonobuoy!


DWOOSH
BEEP
BEEP


BEEP
BEEP
DOOOM
WHISPER
...has passed us by!
WHISPER
The target...
BEEP
BEEP

The Prime Minister!
That voice ...
P!!
H-He's baaaack !!!
...is turning back!
The target ...
BEEP
BEEP
!
We've been found! Start the engines!
More sono-buoys dropped!
Ibuse, quiet His Excellency!
The baby-sitting never ends with this guy!


Sound the alarms! Accelerate!
CLAMOR
Enemy torpedo launched!
CLAMOR

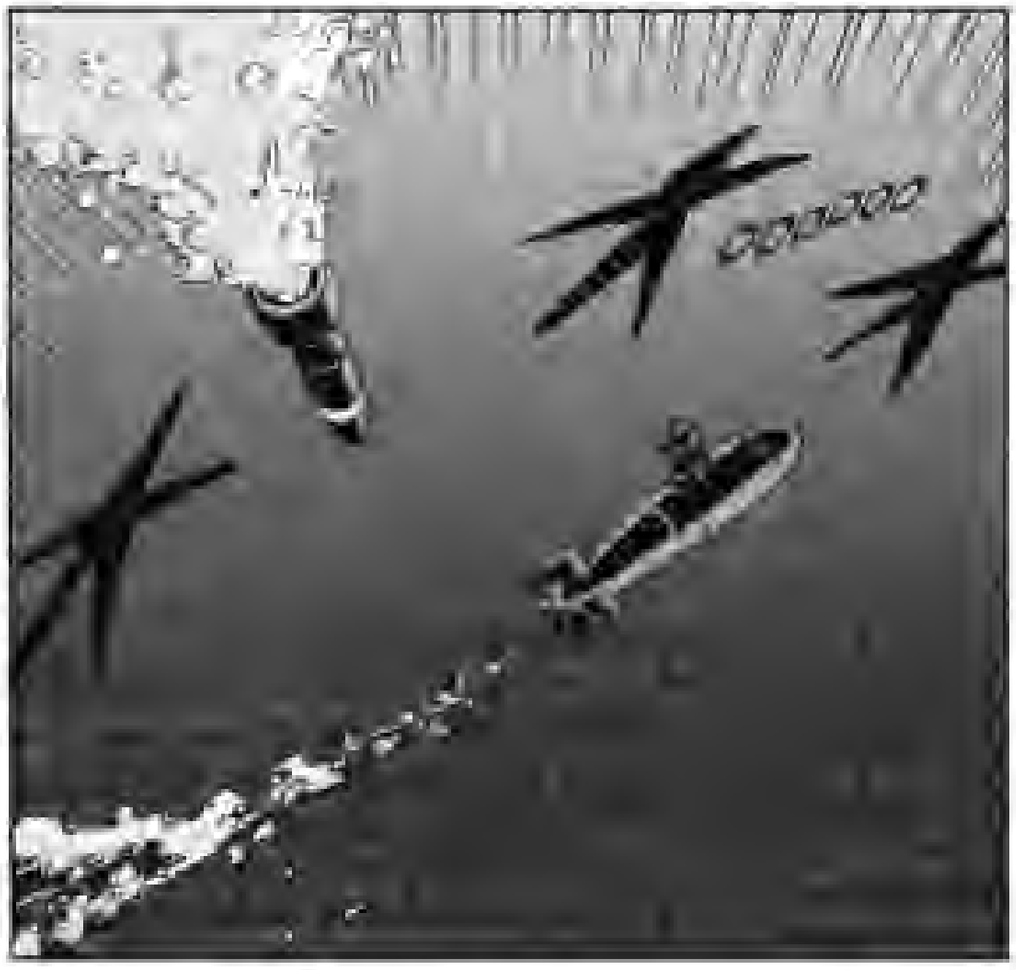
Turn to starboard! Full speed ahead!
CLAMOR
CLAMOR
Keep your wits about you!

PSSSH!

!
Stay back!
S...
PM!
Would you haunt me to the ends of the Earth ?!
Kuni-kida...

FREEDOM

Impact
in 300
meters
...
250
...
200
...


FREEDOM

80
...!
100...

150...

Here it comes!
FWAP
Shit!
!
KRAAK!
KACHAK
Launch decoys !!
Stop the engines !
KRAAK
BEEP BEEP?!
FWOOOSSH

BA-
BOOM

KAAAHF
We sur-vived!
The decoys took the hit!

FWOOM
SHOOSH
SHOOSH

The Third Division's pulling out all the stops!
...
Huh?! But, sir—
Leave the engines off.
The drone is still circling.
We're being watched.

CAFE
This is how the Medical Unit first searched for survivors.
Takes me back...

NEXT
I mean, after you evacuate us...
What're you gonna do after you finish the job?
...hey, Ibara?
Whs ...?
There's still...
...one job left for us to do. A big one.
FVVT
!

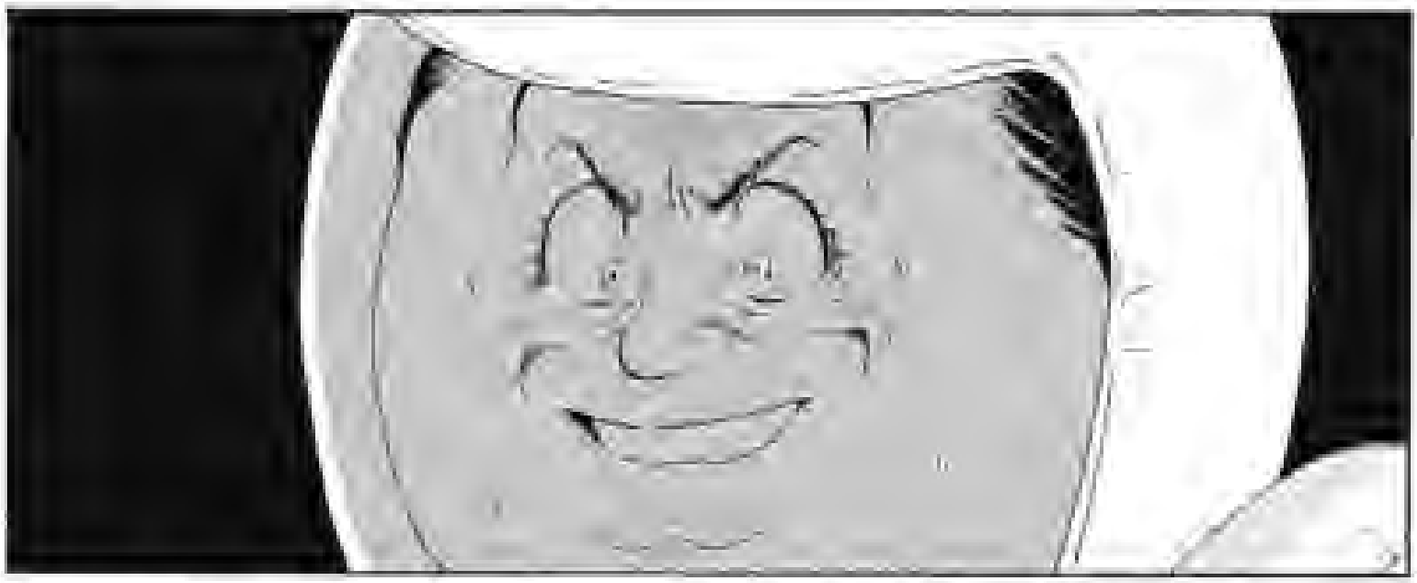
FWT
...TO JIYU-GA-OKA'S ...
...NOW... SCHOOL-YARD...
FWT
Ohh, ohh! Heaven's Sensor is picking up evil air-waves once again!
Quiet!
We know, we know! Shh!
Check the map ...!
FLAP
A school-yard?!
So whoever was talkin' is there now...?
N
The direc-tion's a match, too!
Found one! There's a high school a few blocks away!
JIYUGAOKA HIGH SCHOOL
KUMANO SHRINE
Any schools around here...?
JIYUGAOKA STATION

Everybody stick close to me!
Let's move out.

Heeey! We're done swapping the bus tires!
There. Now the ambulance can move through!
PAT
PAT

CLANK
CLUNK

Where's Ibara and the other two?
Then we can get back on the road!
What? They're still not back?



What ?!
Look! Some-one's over there!
B-Boys ...!
...?!!
I don't see any-body!
Where, Mama Akiko?!
Should we wait for them to come back?
We can contact them on the radio.
We'll move on to the sta-tion.
What's the plan, Asimov ?

IKA ACADEMY
SWISH

This is the school.
Let's slip inside.

?!
FVVT
CHAN-
NEL 4,
RE-
SPOND.

The survivors are on their way to Jiyugaoka Station.

A boy ...?!

Want me to kill 'em all?
I...
Ibara ...!

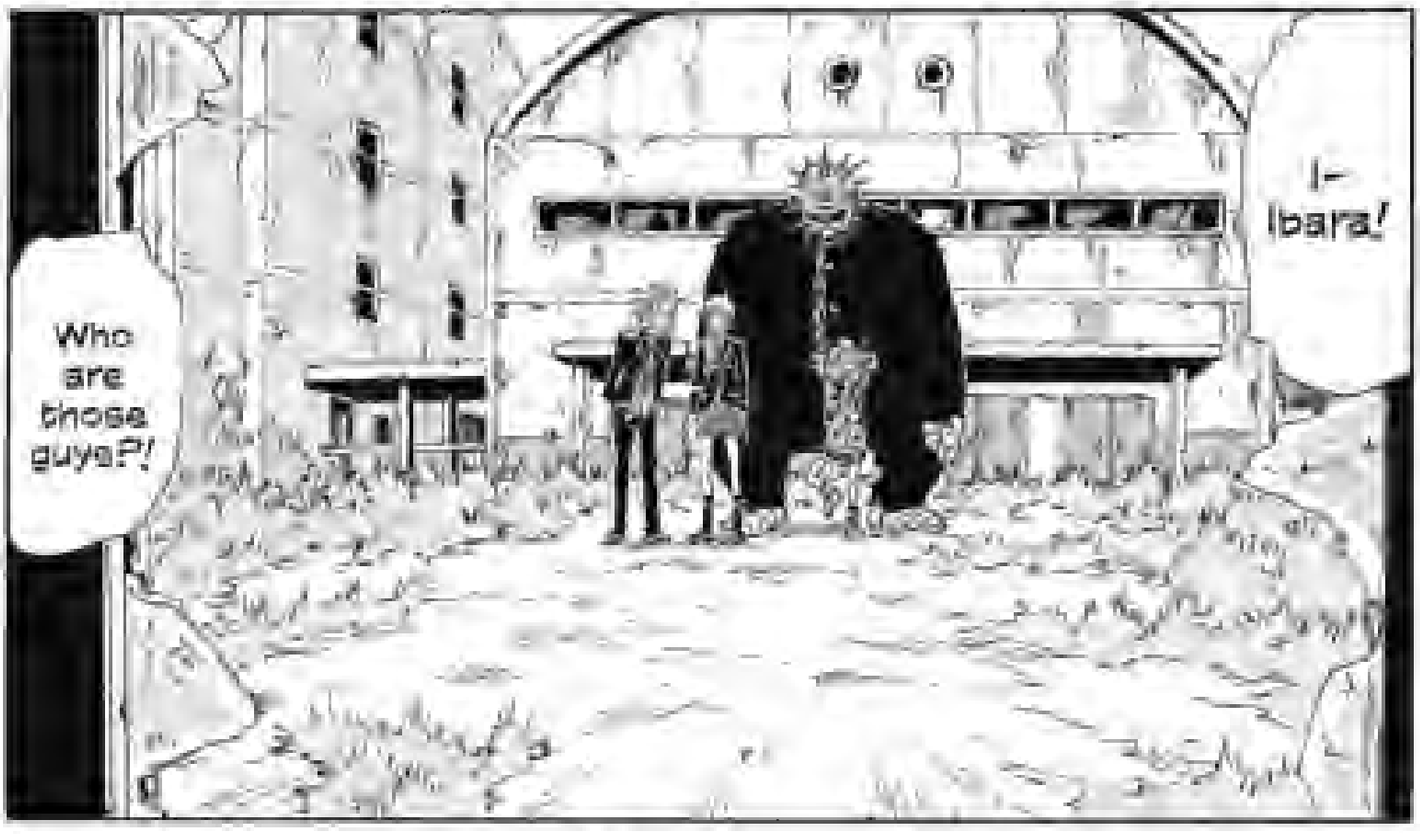
We're on our way to meet you.
It seems the bird has fallen for the trap.

But the Coppelion are to be eliminated.
Take the survivors alive.

A-7 END

Act.8【The Retrieval Unit】

Retrieval Unit...
RRMM
RRMM
RRMM
Move out.


I-Ibara!
Who are those guys?!

CRICK
They're definitely Coppelion!
SWISH
No idea! Except ...

That's one of our school radios.
They're talking to somebody?
BEEP BEEP
...?!
It's pickin' it up!
Shh, Oshizu!
The parabolic microphone!
THIS IS THE RETRIEVAL UNIT LEADER ...
DO YOU COPY?
FWT
FWT
JIYUGAOKA ON CHANNEL 4.

...Setsuna Itami. Command, come in.
Itami...
Setsu-na...
I've never seen any of them before.
No...
Are they your classe-mates, too, Ibara?

That voice—
FWT
COM-MAND HERE.
WELL DONE, RETRIEVAL UNIT.
Hee hee.
Capture the survivors!
Commence the operation!

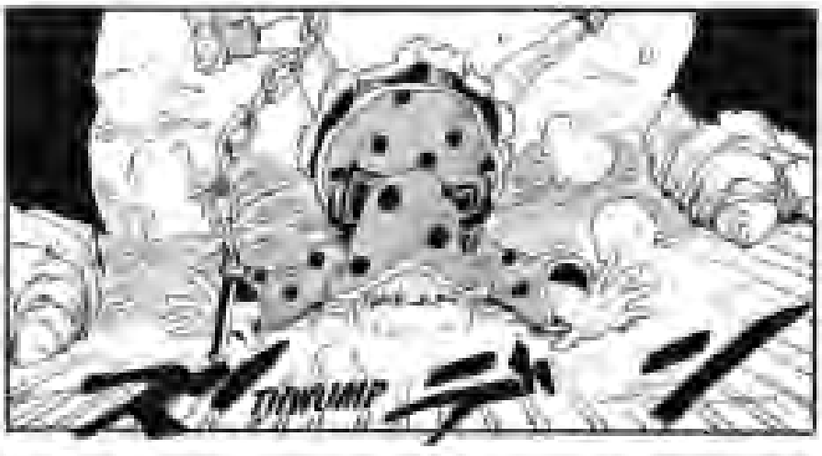
Does he mean us?
"Capture the survivors"?
It's those three professors!
They're trying to stop us again?!
WHISP
Shh, she'll hear you!
Whadda we do? Now Miss Ibara is the only Coppelion with us!
WHISP
What in the blazes?
Aren't they after Aoi?!
Why?!
WHISP
This wasn't s'posed to happen!
I thought we split up into two teams to keep us survivors safe!
I'm concerned about your weakness.

When hostages are taken, you become helpless.
As you can observe ...
Do you under-stand? Remem-ber this moment.
The govern-ment will use these same methods against you.
Dang it...
Dr. Coppe-lius was right...!

The Black Wings...
The air-strike... it was all a ruse!

...so they'd have an opportunity to surround the rest of us!

The government tricked us into concentrating our forces—the commando team—downtown...


DINNUNF

Wh-
Wh...
Whad-
da we
do?
They're
leaving,
you
guys!
Shh!
First,
we fall
back!

!
LIFT
CLUTCH
Mama Akiko said she saw somebody near the bus...!
O-Oh no!
Are we goin' back to the bus, Ibara?!
Yeah! We've got to get back on the road—
This way! Hurry!
TMP
TMP

It's me. Setsuna.
I'm following their bus. Heading south to Jiyugaoka Station.
Boring place, huh? Tokyo.

Don't waste time with small talk, Touma Mizoguchi.
Keep your attention on the bus.
Roger that, boss.

Okay, we're clear!
PWP
Move!

More Coppe-lion?!
What?!
SKREE
THEY WERE WAITING FOR US TO COME THROUGH HERE!
THEY'RE THE ONES WHO SET UP THE SPIKE STRIP!
WHEN WE GET MOV-ING AGAIN, THEY'D JUST END UP ON OUR TAIL!
THIS IS BAD...
He was watching the bus!
I *told* you I saw a young man!

Great, our radios are back up!
Is that you, Kanon?!
YEAH, LOOKS LIKE THE JAMMING STOPS WHEN THE DRONES SWITCH TO BOMBER MODE!
FVVT
FVVT
OI, NA-RUSE!
If you know anything about them, fill me in!
I'm sending you a pic!
LAURA
BEEP
BEEP
BEEP
FILE SENT
There are more Coppe-lion?!
BOOM
Anyway, what's all the shouting about?!

I don't know which wisecrack to make first!
Hello, freak parade ...
...?!
BLOOD
...!
You recognize her, Kanon?!
The one with silver hair in a braid...!
This chick ...

CALLED HER-SELF THE LEADER OF THE "RE-TRIEVAL UNIT."
HER NAME'S SETSUNA ITAMI.

Listen... That girl's *dead!*
Don't freak out on me here, okay?

...wait, what?!

Like, who's she?!
Is some-thing the matter, Kanon?

WHEN WE FIRST CAME TO TOKYO, WE FOUND THE BODIES OF THREE COPPELION.
DIDN'T HARUTO TELL YOU?

THAT WAS ONE OF THE NAMES ON THEIR SCHOOL IDS...
SETSUNA ITAMI.
No way...
STOP
She's the girl who fell dead?!

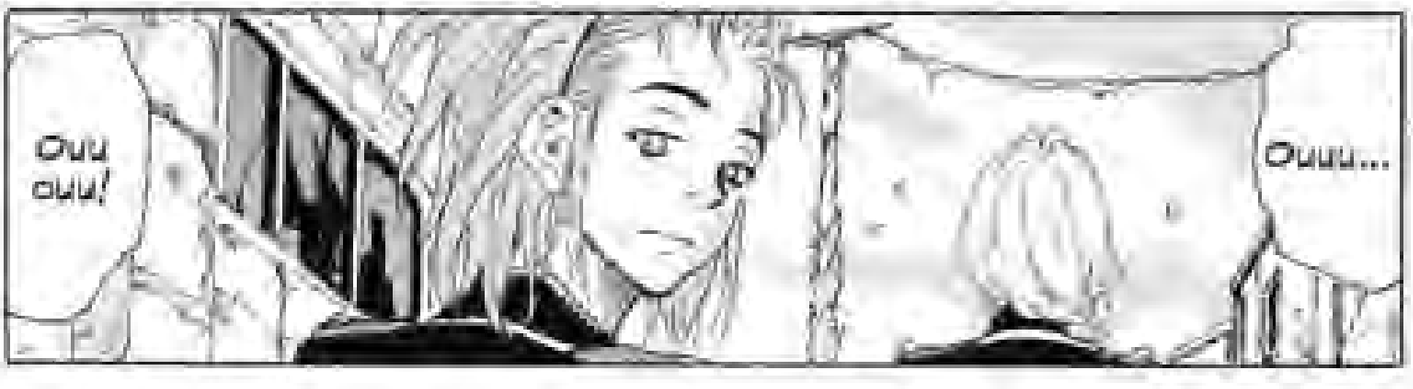
Sounds like we're in need of a change in plans.
Z-Zombie ...!
Don't! If you did...
WE'LL GIVE 'EM ALL-OUT WAR! BWA HA HA!
WANT US TO HEAD YOUR WAY?
GREEOOO
WE COULDN'T PROTECT THE SURVIVORS FROM EVERYTHING AT ONCE...!
...THEN THE FOS-SILOIDS WOULD FOLLOW!

THE GOVERNMENT WANTS TO US TO HAVE TO EXCHANGE AOI FUKASAKU FOR THE SURVIVORS' LIVES!
IF THEY SNATCH UP EVEN ONE OF THOSE SURVIVORS, IT'S GAME OVER!
Are you tellin' me you can take the freak show on alone?! Huh, Naruse?!
Well what do you want us to do, then?!
...I'll protect them. Every single one of them!

BAM
Ouu?!

Ouu!
Ouu ...
REACH

It's not a *real* ham-burger!
That's a *sign*, Ingmar!


Ouu ouu!
Ouuu...

Yup. They're here.

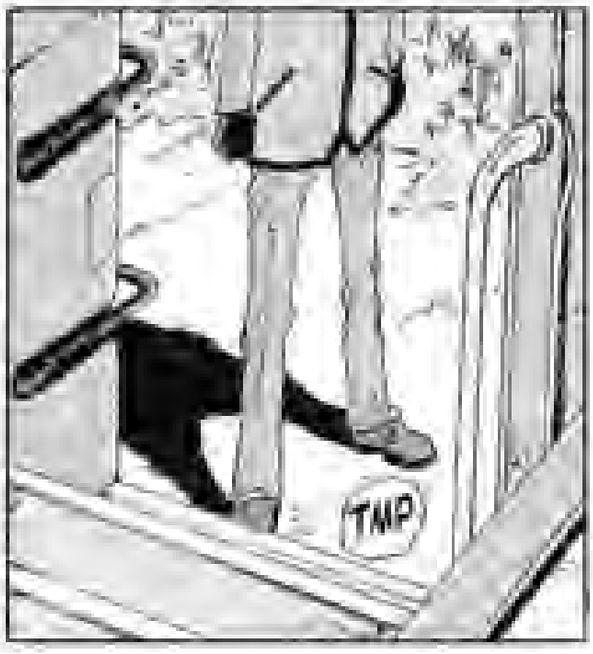
We'll arrive at the station shortly.
Toums.
You have eyes on the bus?

Don't leave your posi-tion.
Wait.

I'll take care of this in a snap.
We just need 'em alive, right?
SWFF

FVVT

CREAK


TMP

Where'd they go?

It's empty?
What the hell?

TMP
!
TMP
TMP
HEE
HAA
SMIRK
I can't run another step!
THUD
N-No more!
TMP
HUFF
HUFF
TMP

!
Hello there, Piggy.
CLOD
KCHK
Oh? Is Piggy alone? Where'd the other survivors go?

Freeze!
Hands behind your head!
You called yourselves the Retrieval Unit?
Why are you working for the three professors?!
Well, well... Didn't count on this.
You guys caught onto us, then?
CRACK!

?!
CRACKLE
CRACKLE
POOF
SHWOOMF

FWAP!
BOOF
Hot...!
FLING
Playtime's over.
You're Ibara Naruse?
HUFF
HUFF

RATATATA
Run!
TATATA
!

CLINK
DASH
Thanks, Mr. Asimov!
GULP
KLAK

I told them to go on to Denenchofu while we distract that guy!
They'll be safe for now!
Is everybody from the bus safe?!
Wh-What happened?!
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF

What about our safety?!
SHAKE
Wait...

KCHK
Our only option is to walk to the meeting point with the bus...
...While throwing the enemy off of our trail...
SNIP SNIP
Are you guys ready?!
We can't afford to stand around...
KCHK
1500 hours already...

Is this gonna work ...?
Keep quiet!
Ohh, God!
Um, no?!
SHFF
Come on!
We're goin' to Denen-chofu!

Where are the survivors?
You're late, Touma.

Had me totally fooled.
FWUP
They got away.

FWOOSH

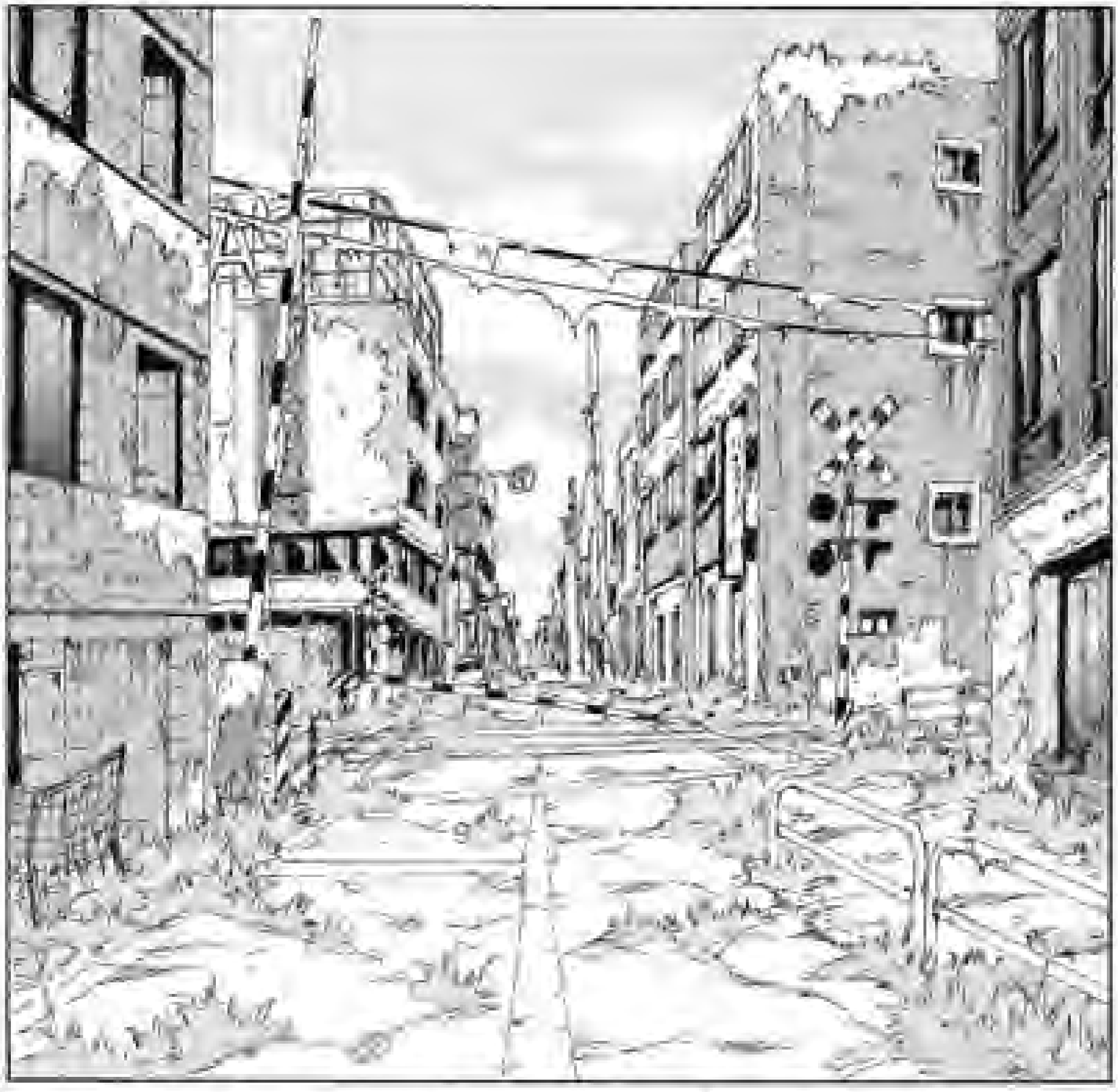
Next time, I won't stop.
DROP

They can't have gone far.
And she has some sur-vivors with her.

Why you gotta be so mad? I found Ibara Naruse.
...

You're up.
Kiara Yamada.
OOOO
Come, Ingmar! ♪
A-8 END

Act.9【Caged Bird】



We're making a run for it!
Okay ...

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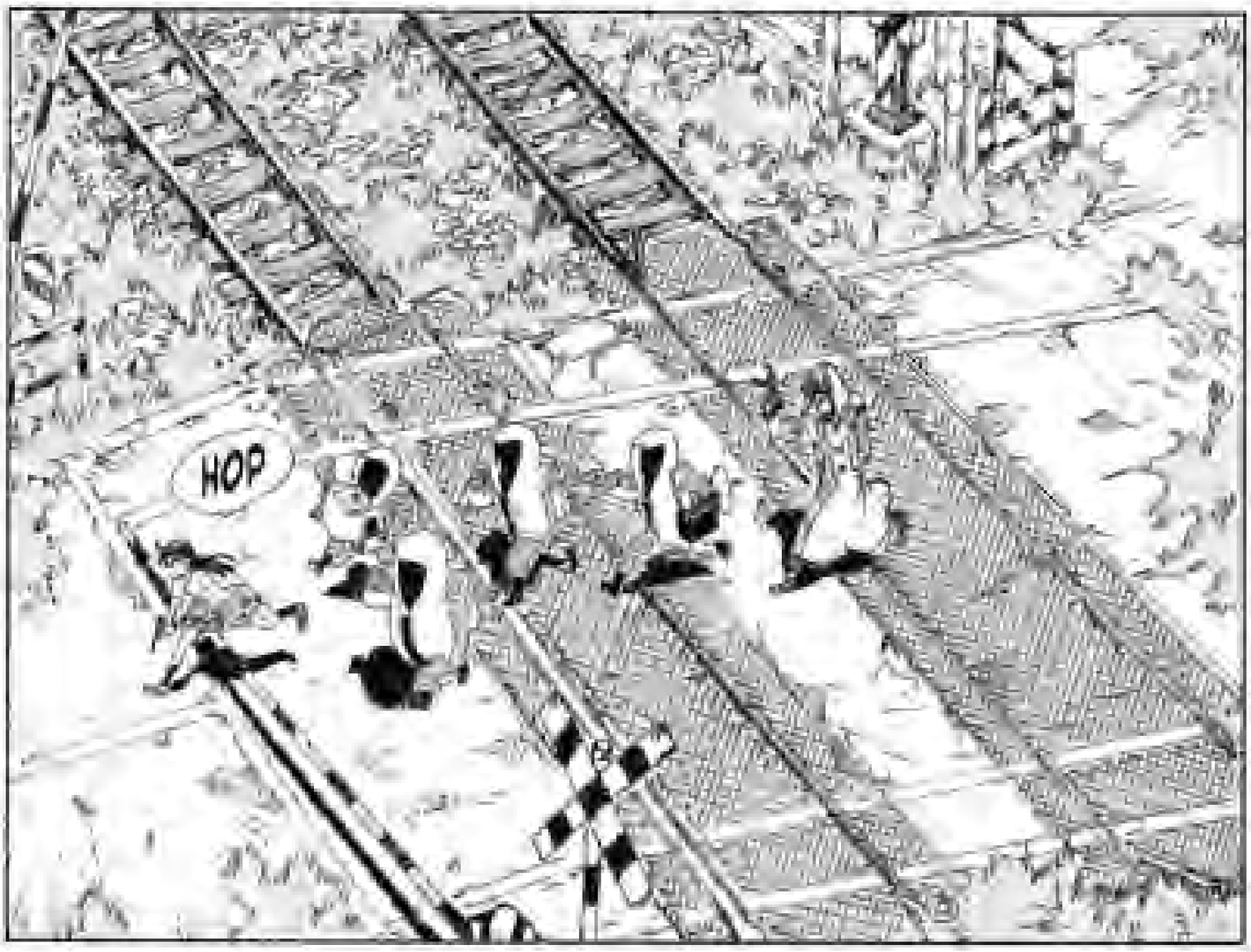
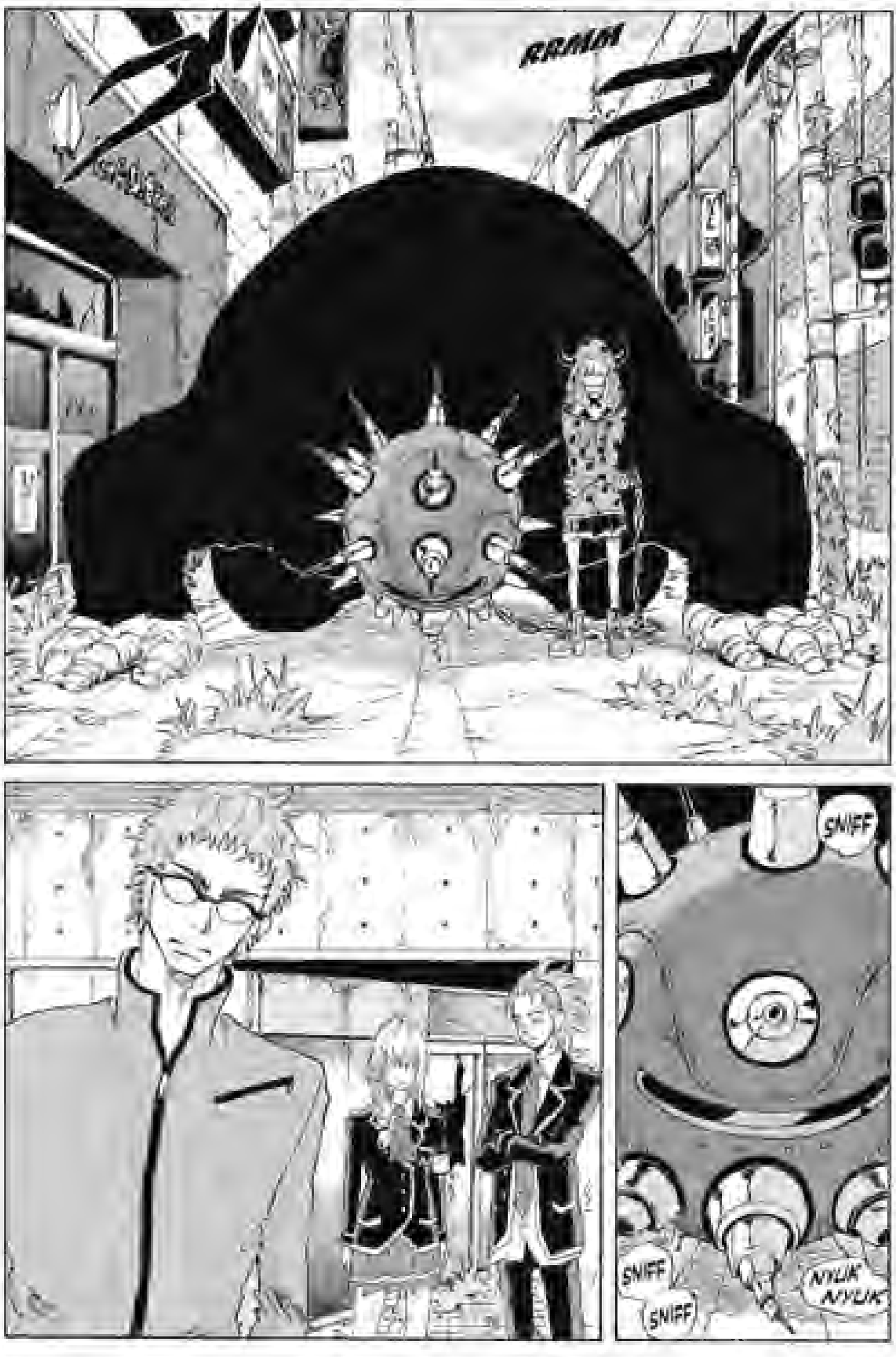

HOP

Hang in there, you guys!
Once we make it there, we can get back on the bus!

H-How far are we from Danan-chofu, Ibara?!
It's only one train stop away!

No one told me there'd be more running!
Got it!
MEOW


RRMM
SNIFF
SNIFF
SNIFF
NYUK
NYUK

SNIFF
SNIFF
You sure we can use this monster?
Ain't exactly a hound dog.

You sure schooled me.
Wo-oow.

An' bears have a *waaay* better sense of smell than dogs.
Ingmar's a *bear man!*

Capture Ibara Naruse.
Follow the trail.

Oh! He got the scent!
Oouu!

RAA
RAA
RAA
Prime Minister's Office, Kyoto
Goodness, put the life of a prime minister is saving.
I'll have to find a new substitute quickly.
Then, at four, a dinner hosted by the Japan Business Federation.
You have a luncheon with the National Press Club at half past three.
Afterward, starting at five—
Are you certain?
Sir... it is the people from the "alliance" ...
I have much to do. They may return later.
Secretary Ougai! You have visitors!

KREE
VIP PARLOR
To think you'd take on the work of acting Prime Minister! You are a tough one!
VOOM
Why, hello, Ouga!
VWEEN
The alliance is performing marvelously, as always!
We wanted to give you a show of encouragement.
I do have a demanding schedule.
Is this urgent?

反対!
NO NUKES
If we drum up an impending oil crisis, civilians will reconsider their views of nuclear power.
What's more, the Strait of Hormuz is on the verge of blockade!
Orders for nuclear reactors are flooding in from emerging nations scared by the sudden outbreak of war in Kazakhstan.
Ha ha ha ha!
Do keep on putting it to use for the alliance's further expansion!
RRRR
RRRR
VWEEN
VWOOM
Your business sense never fails to impress, Dugal!
It looks as though their numbers have increased since around last week.
RRRR
RRRR
Yes, sir. It's a protest.
Quite noisy outside.
RRRR
Hm?

Just a lot of noise!
RAAH
Ha!
RAAH
RAAH
RAAH
RAAH
RAAH
NO

No, it's...
RUMBLE
What was that?! The microphone?
CHANNEL 4! RETRIEVAL UNIT, RESPOND!
FVVT
!
I set it to the frequency the Retrieval Unit is using.
Our school radio.
WHAT IT IS, PROFESSORS?
FVVT
RETRIEVAL UNIT RESPONDING
04
Shh!
Really? Then we can eavesdrop on them all we want!
Have you still not captured any survivors?! Well, Setsuna Itami?
You know what it is!

Please refrain from contacting us. It could interfere with the operation.
We are currently in pursuit.
TSK
REMEMBER, YOU SHOULD BE GRATEFUL TO US! YOU SHOULD HAVE BEEN DISPOSED OF, BUT WE TOOK YOU IN!
FVVT
THAT'S A CHEEKY ATTITUDE TO TAKE WITH YOUR MASTERS!
GRR
We have our hands on *the button*.
You understand your position, yes?
What's that now...? Sounds like things might be complicated...
"Disposed of" ...?

...and the chips embedded in your heads will explode!
One press of this button ...
FLICK
...THEN YOU'D BEST NOT TRY OUR PATIENCE!
IF YOU WANT TO LIVE...
ALL IT TAKES IS AN INSTANT, AND YOU'LL BE LIFELESS DOLLS.
Repre-sentative! We got trouble!
TMP
TMP
They're monsters! Not that that's anything new!
That's how they're control-ling the Retrieval Unit...!
Now it makes sense ...!

GROOOUU!!!
ouu ouu ...
THUD THUD
FWT
ouu ...
What?! They must be close, then!
Oshizu's micro-phone is pickin' somethin' up again!
KCHK
I don't know!
But I've got bear trange ready, just in case!
That sounds bad. Bad, bad, bad!
They're on our trail! We'll change direction! Go east, into the shopping district!
What was that growling?!
This way!

KER-
WHAM
WHOOM
They're here!

RUN!
GYeeee!
BROK
RATATA
TA
TA

BZZT
BZZT
KRRIP

GRUOO

Roger!
Slip past it!

WHOOSH

OOOO
Oou ?!
BZZT BZZT

Hur-
ry!
Over
here,
Rep!
SLAM
Whoa!
BOOM
BOOM

!
BZZT
BZZT
Have you lost your mind?!
Oh, no!
TWIRL
BLAM!

AAARGH
CLINK
ROLL
CLONK
TAKE
TAKE
He's spoutin' blood!
Wow!
Ohh, enough of this running!
Go, guys! Go!

OOU...
OOO
...
OOU...

We can't afford to sit around!
Hey... Come on, guys! Up!
We need... We need a break, please!
Rain clouds rolling in...
There's enough oxygen on the sub to last us until tomorrow. We'll be fine!
They can wait a few extra minutes, can't they?
The submarine will make it to Haneda at four ...
It's already half past three ...
WE KNOW YOU'RE LISTENING.
?!
COME IN, IBARA NARUSE.
FVVT
THIS IS THE RETRIEVAL UNIT.

Show yourself.
Where are you?
You can't run.
Do you want to expose the survivors to danger?
You should think about what you're doing!
SNATCH
I refuse!
...
We're both Coppelion, aren't we?
Please, Setsuna Itami... Let us go!
ONCE YOU GIVE THEM WHAT THEY WANT, THEY'RE GOING TO THROW YOU AWAY!
THE PROFESSORS DID SOMETHING TO YOU, DIDN'T THEY?
...

You are traitors who turned your backs on our school.
We are not like you.
Not with a Black Wings drone circling above the water.
Your submarine won't make it to Haneda.
You're a bird trapped in a cage...
...Narusе Ibara.
What?!
Wait...

Every-body after me!
Quick!
CREAK
We just have to trust him!
The VP promised it would come for us, no matter what!
What's the point in goin' to Haneda?!
But she said the subma-rine isn't coming!
Are you listen-ing to me?! Ah! Ow!
NO ENTRY
Girl, if you think that pluck is all you need to get by in life, you're dead wrong!
You're always saying we just have to do this or that!
HOP
NO ENTRY

I promised Haruto...
I promised him I'd save every one of you!

Fine, Fine!
Take us wherever you want!

BEEP
BEEP
BEEP
?!
That's the Toyoko Line.
Once we cross it, we're practically in Daien-chofu!
But the road's too open. They'll spot us right away!
Oh, idiot! Shut her up!
Oshi-zu...!
The radiation's risin'! It's the end of the world!
Aaargh! Radiation!

I-
Ibara!
RUN
!
SWISH

DASH
Oh, we're run-ning!
GUGU
RATATA

TMP
TMP
HWOO
...?!
KRAK

Ibara!
Wha-aat?!
...
CATCH
KNEE
WHUMP!
Gack...!
SIZZ

KICK
SST
WHAP
Kh...!
...
Teleportation?!
T...

WE'LL BE THERE TO COLLECT THEM SHORTLY.
A job well done, Retrieval Unit!
BEFORE WE GET THERE...
DEAL WITH NARUSE IBARA.
A-9 END

Act.10【Cease-Fire】

...
GRIP
WHAT ARE YOU WAIT-ING FOR, SETSUNA ITAMI?
FWT
GET RID OF IBARA NA-RUSE NOW!

You have hostages. This is our chance to take her out!
Who knows how she might get in our way if we leave her alive?
Do not underestimate the girl.
KILL HER!
LIFT
KCHAK
Coward! Even an outcast like me won't stand for this!
L-Leave her alone!
There's something you need to know!
Secretary Dugal!

SEC-RETARY OUGA!
NATIONAL PRESS CLUB LUNCHEON
YADDA
YADDA
I KNOW YOU'RE LISTEN-ING IN!
Kyoto
SEC-RETARY OUGA! ...!
THE SEC-RETARY IS TOO BUSY TO LISTEN TO YOU!
SLIP
WHY, YOU... SILENCE, IBARA NARUSE!
!
Is it not a trifle too late for nego-tiations, Repre-sentative Naruse?
Ougai speak-ing.
FWT
YOU NEEDN'T TAKE TIME OUT OF YOUR BUSY SCHEDULE FOR THIS, SIR!
SEC-RE-TARY OU-GA! ?!

We leaders are speaking.
Do not interrupt, professors.
Secretary Ougai...
We don't have time to fight with each other!
SWISH
THE ONLY POSSIBLE SOURCE I CAN THINK OF IS-
Its half-life is eight days. That means those radioactive particles originated in this very month!
We detected high levels of Iodine-131 in the Shinagawa area!

RRRRR
RRRRR
RRRRR
DAIBA...
IT'S THE ONLY EXPLA-NATION!

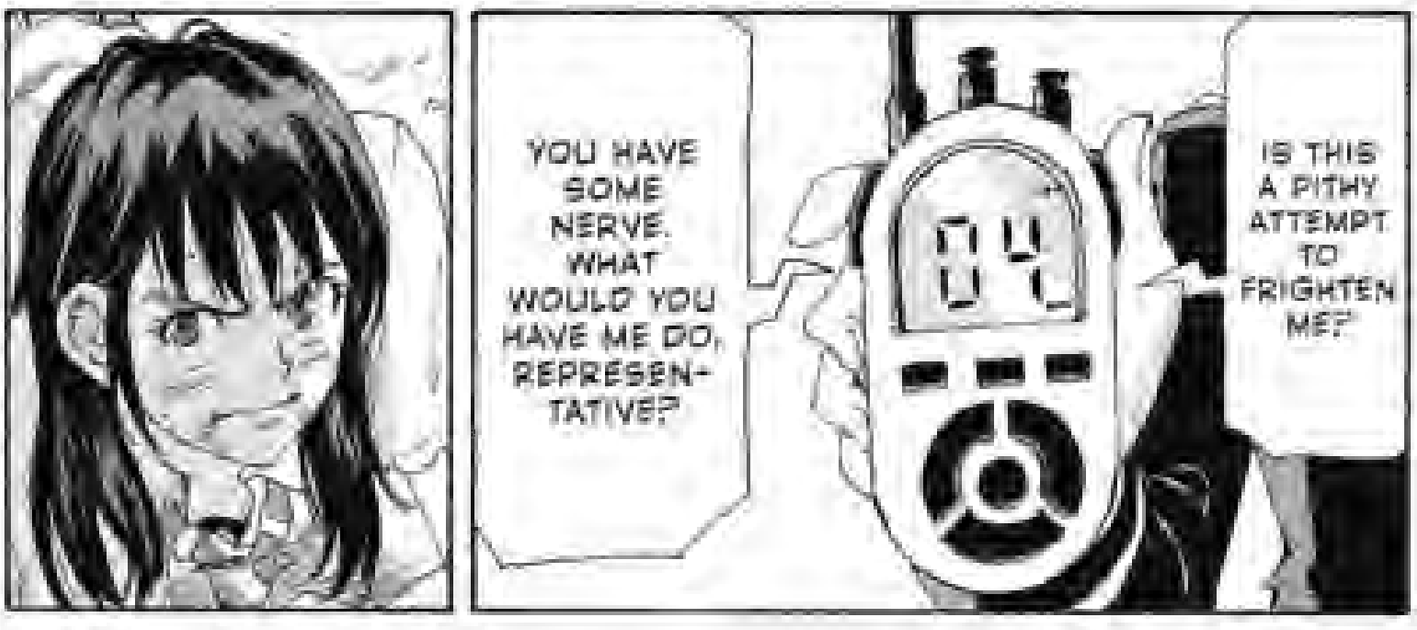
WHERE IS YOUR PROOF?
WHO CAN VOUCH FOR YOUR CLAIM, HMM?

The sarcopha-gus... The remains of Daiba Power Plant...
Are you suggesting that it is critical once more ...?

We surmised that Ibara Naruse would have to avoid the radiation and pass through this area if she was going to safely lead the survivors to Haneda.
We spread our search net in Jiyugaoka because we detected high levels of radiation in Shinagawa.
BWA HA HA
YADOH
YADOH
NATIONAL PRESS CLUB LUNCHEON
BWA HA HA
Japan—no, the whole *world* is in danger!
Secretary Ougai ...

...which could drift across the ocean and pollute the entire world!
It'll finally collapse, and release untold amounts of radiation...
If the sarcophagus is left as it is...

It's on *your* shoulders, Secretary Ougai!
If that happens, it's on the shoulders of the Japanese government.


YOU HAVE SOME NERVE. WHAT WOULD YOU HAVE ME DO, REPRESENTATIVE?
IS THIS A PITHY ATTEMPT TO FRIGHTEN ME?

In exchange, please evacuate all of the survivors right now!
We can stop a second disaster!
We Coppelion can enter the sarcophagus.
SECRETARY OUGAI! WE NEED TO USE THE SURVIVORS AS HOSTAGES, AND EXCHANGE THEM FOR ADI FUKASAKU!
ENOUGH OF THIS NONSENSE!
No one's going to make that ridiculous deal with you, fool!
Wh-who do you think is in charge here?!
Secretary, she's a liar!
Wh-What?! Damn doll!
Retrieval unit! Take her out this instant!
The three professors don't care what happens to Japan. But you do! I know you do!
Mr. Ougai ...!

Mr. Ougai ...!
SHOOT HER!
PULL THE TRIG-GER!
HOLD YOUR FIRE.
You will not address me as "Mr." Ougai.
I agree to a cease-fire. Your orders are to stabilize the sarco-phagus.

REALLY?! WHOO-HOO!
WE'RE SAFE NOW!
Th-Thank God! They made a deal!
Huh ...?!
KILL IBARA NARUSE.
You know your orders, Setsuna Itami.
CLICK
What do you think you are doing?
...
What ...?!

Do it.
SQUEEZE
KABOOM
!!

FWUMP
Whoa !!
STAND
FWOOM
Ah...
An explo-sion ?!
!!
WHOOSH
FSST

KRAK
KRAK
What the hell is that?!
Wha ?!

Run!
DASH
This way!
Yeeek! Don't eat us!
It's the mutant water flea!
WHOAH
Hey! Get back here, you little—
Thank God for whatever that was!
TRIP
Hurry!
TRIP
BAM
Damn it!
!

TONK
CLUNK
Die!
FWAP
SHBAA
?!
THWAP
Get lost, peet!
BWOOSH
...
ROAR

BOOM
KRAK
KRAK
SPIT
AWOOM

SMACK
WHOOSH
Hrah
!!
SHTMP
TMP
TMP

WHACK!
FSH
I can't predict where she'll attack from!
HUFF
Damn it...
HUFF
Gah ...!
SSSH
What the heck is she...?!
CLOP
Set-suna Itami...

Hack ...
Wh...
...is Dr. Coppe-lius?
Where ...
One ...
I'll count to three.
Two ...
I know he's some-where in Tokyo.
You know where that is, don't you?

SHWOOO
FWUMP
KABOOM
FSST

SHWOOO
Whoop-sies!

Almost hit the Rep, there!

BWOOSH
Who's that?
?!
What is the monster circus in town today?!
That little ...

Re-
load!
BA
HWOOO
Splen-
didly
done,
Melsa!
Take
us
out!
Doc-
tor!

VROOOO
TUG
Doc-
tor?!
...
hey.
Shouldn't we go after 'em, boss?

Huh ?
Yeah, about that...
Where are the survivors, Touma Mizoguchi?
They're vital to our mission.
Don't forget about the hostages, Bro.
...Ryouga Mizoguchi.
TCH
He's correct ...

Did you find them?
Secretary Ougai ...!
YADOM
YADOM
It appears that they planned to abscond.
No. The three professors are still missing...
Do you mean they've betrayed us? Gone to another organization?
Pardon ...?
It would appear that they have found a new master.
Leaving this to them was a mistake.
YADOM
YADOM
YADOM

So who's the girl with the braid?

Yes, Melsa ?
VROO
Hey, Doctor.

CLUNK
CLUNK

VROOO

TCH

RUSTLE
?!
Ngh
...
KAW
KAW
!
SLAM!

Oh, my.
What's this? You don't look very surprised, Representative Ibara!
I did save you!
I knew you were lurking somewhere nearby.
Thought you might come to the "rescue," too...
At least say a word of thanks!
I see I cannot entrust you with Aoi Fukasaku
I did warn you, did I not?
Where are the survivors?!
Were we separated?!
We had our hands full saving you alone.
If they were caught by your assailants...

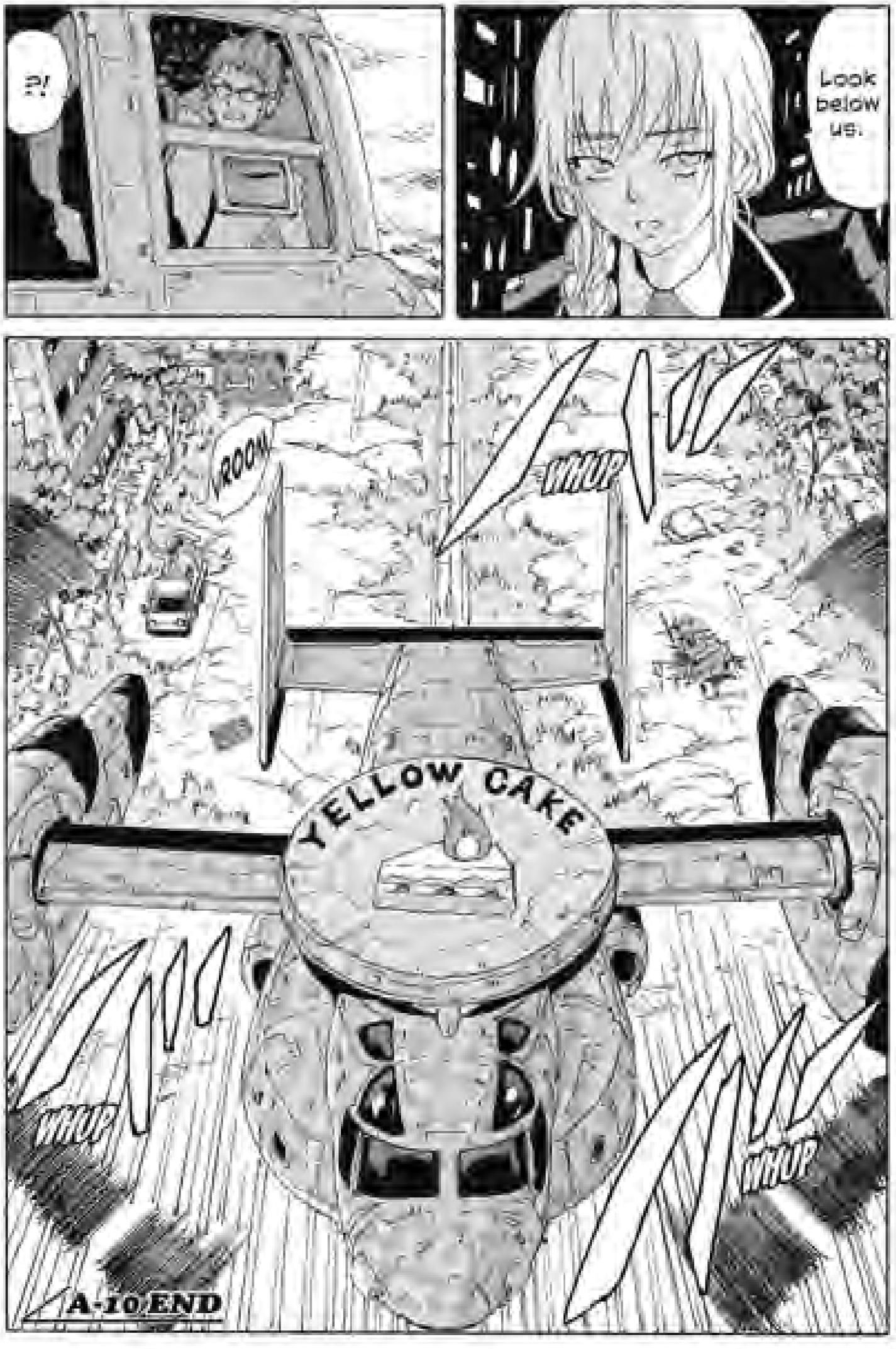
The Coppelion belong to me.. I refuse to hand them over to anyone!
Well, that is quite problematic!
BEEP
BEEP
That's what the three professors said!
...they'll be taken as hostages to be exchanged for Aoi...
Is that any tone to take when you're asking someone for a favor?!
Good grief...
YANK
Then help us!
Where is the Retrieval Unit heading next?!
Do you know what's happening down there now?!
Oh, no...
Where was that again? Downtown?
They're heading for wherever Aoi Fukasaku is, *obviously.*
BEEP
BEEP

KER-BLAM
RATATA
BOOM
CHEW
CHEW
97
KAMITA KUZURAN STREET
Is it Russia again?! Or Canada?!
Naw, we brought those ones down!
BLAM
WHIRR
Here it comes!

GRAAAA
Great Britain's up next!
BOOM
RATA
TA
BLAM

BOOM
BOOM
BOOM
Come in!
Aoi! Kanon!
Repre-senta-tive! We've found them!
VROOO
Too much noise. I can't hear a thing!
Crap ...!
That's ...
A trans-port craft?!
!
DOOO

RRMM
RRMM
?!
What will happen to everyone on the bus?
What's going to happen to us?!
The plan's gone up in flames!
Ohh, it's all over...
Those drones are circling the city center sky, remember?
You sure about that?
BRTB
Take us higher.
RRMM


?!
Look below us.
VROOM
WHUP
YELLOW CAKE
WHUP
WHUP
A-10 END

Act.11【Reunion on the Battlefield】

Hibiya, 4:00 PM

DRIP
DRIP

According to the plan, the submarine should be arriving at Haneda Airport at any minutes...
It's four in the afternoon now.
That should douse some of the fires.
Rainin' again...
We won't be able to get in touch with the others unless we do somethin' about those drones.
The Black Wings are jamming them...
... can't check.
Our radios are down again.
Do you think everyone made it out of Tokyo safe and sound?
Do you think ...

KRSSH
SHUNK
GREEOO
Back to it.

BLAM
WHUD
WHUD
BOOM
KREEOO
WHOOM
WHUD
BOOM
FOOM

KRAK
KRAK
?!
It still hasn't kicked the bucket ?!
The French Fossil-loid!
GROK
BRRKK
!!

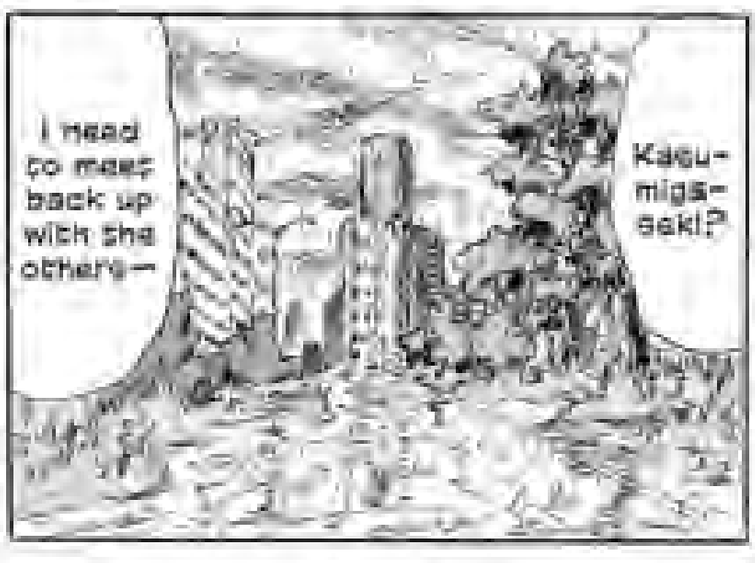
Aye-aye!
Quickly, Shion!
Every-body off the tank!
ZLRRM
It's stryin'a pull us under-ground!
!
WHOOM
Yea!
WHOOSH
Oh no!
Eeek!
Tae-kooo!
!!

KRRISSH
STATION
KATATA
GRAAA!

BOOM
BOOM
BOOM
TAMP
RATATA
CLANK
I'm okay! I can escape!
CHAK
WHOOM
The subway system ...

KREEEE
Tae-
kooo
!
Shit!
We
lost
the
tank!
CRACKLE
CRACKLE
BLAST
BLAST

Fall back!
My lightning should stop it for a few seconds!


I need to meet back up with the others—
Kazumiya-seki?

HWOOO
RRMM
?!
What is that airship ?!
Wh...
CRASSHH

SKIIIP
?!
Mr. Asimov !
SPLASH
SPLASH
TAMP

Run!
HUFF
What are you doing here?!
Mr. Asimov ...
HUFF
Not so fast.
AH!
?!

Another Coppelion ?!
Who are you?!
Wh...
Drop your weapon.

VROOOOM
Dammit... They crashed!
SKEEE
There it is! The Retrieval Unit's ship!
!
SPLASH
Looks as though the drones shot them down.
They were careless to fly through the city center.
SLAM

DRIP
DRIP
WHERE IS
Have a look at this.
Repre-senta-tive Naruse ...
Where did they go?!
It's empty!
FLASH
That logo...
Yellow Cake?!
YELLOW CAKE

Guide us to Aoi Fukasaku, and we'll rescue the survivors.
Don't get any ideas.

Are you working for the government?! Or are you—
Are you...

We are the Retrieval Unit.

Nothing more. Nothing less.
...and return it to its rightful owner.
We retrieve that which has been lost...
SHUDDER
SHUDDER
...
We need to run be-fore—
Oh, no...
S-Some-thing's comin'!

LOOM
Yeeek! Don't step on us!
It's a Fossil-loid!

GRUOOO
WHUO
WHUO
CRASH!
SHING
TNG
TNG
SKIIID
Wah!

TANG!
KLOOSH
KEE-
CLINK
KNEEL

?!
What hap-pened to her?!
Wh...
She turned into metal!
SIZZLE
DROP

VWEEN
FSSW
...
PLOP
How is that possible ...?!
She defeated a Fossiloid by herself, completely unarmed...

FWOOSH!
BOOM!
!!
FLING
KOFF
KOFF
Tear gas!

RATATA
Damn it!
Ibara! Our savior!
I can't see!
Every-body in!
RATATA
RATATA
KOFF
KOFF
Wells!
What's the holdup?!
MEOW
Get in! Hurry!
!

KRAK
KRAK
Wait! Where's Ryuno-suke?!
RATA
TA
Is everybody in?!
!
We can't wait any longer! I'm pulling us out!
You can't! One of us is still out there!
SKREE
CLANG
AHHH
SKREE
BAM
BAM
BAM

Setsuna Itami...!
FWOOO
VROOM
Wait for me, Ryuno-suke!
I'll come to save you! I promise!
We're leav-ing.
Ibaraaa!
No...

I barely have any ammunition left!
Damn it...
FSSH!
There's no mistaking it...
Yellow Cake is pulling the strings here.
Oh, Ibara! Who on Earth were those people?!
They wanted to make me take them to Aoi...
Wn-What?!
You mean that backend company...?! Again?!

What could be more important than Daiba goin' critical again ...?!
That's what I wanna know!
What do they want?!
You know, they've been toying with us from the very beginning ...!
Yellow Cake ...
YELLOW CAKE
It stands to reason that they seek the Coppelion technology.
Yellow Cake does not care what happens to Japan.
The other survivors, are they all safe?!
Wait, it's going critical again?!

I'm worried about Alice...
But there's nothin' I could do for her!
Taeko, you take everyone and head for Denenchofu!
The bus of survivors is waiting for us there.
What?! B-But shouldn't you?
We still have a chance!
This doesn't look good for us...
The Vice Principal, he's truly coming to Haneda, yes?
D'you hear me?
Don't lose hope for even one second!

CHEW
CHEW
VROOOM
CHEW

You do not have the power to stop it.
Humanity is headed for destruction.

I must ask... What is the point in evacuating them?

I'm gonna save you, too.

Dr. Coppelius..
You're human, too.

I came here of my own free will.
And I must turn down the offer.
Let's hurry!
We're going after the Retrieval Unit!
A-11 END

Act.12【The Faded Photo】

SWSSSH
Uchisaiwaicho.
4:30 PM

SPLASH
...

FVVVT
Crap, still can't get through to 'em!

Consider the other side of the coin, Ibara!
The government's interference will have slowed the Retrieval Unit's search for Aoi Fukasaku as well!
!
R R R M M M
That jet's jammin' the signal!
How long's the government gonna keep slowin' us down?!
Oh ...?
Yes, but where could those girls be—?
!
As long as we meet up with Aoi an' the Commando team before they do—
HUFF
HUFF
So we've still got time!

KCHK
Smoke ...?!
That's in Yura-kucho!
Hmg!
HF...
SQUISH
Wazzat smoke from...?

So we finally get to meet her.
Is she that dangerous?
It may be Aoi Fukasaku's doing.

Hah ...
Now I'm interested.

That is why so much of the world is after her.
She is exceedingly powerful

SWSH

Let's move, Kiara.

HUFF
有楽町
YURAK
HUFF
POOL
!

I have a bad feel-ing—
...
Heeey! Aoi, you in there?!
Is that is...?
BANG
A Fossilold!
Run!
KRSSSHHH

GSSSH
How many more are there?!
Good-news!
WHUD
WHUD
No way! I can't fight a giant robot!
Melsa, why are you running?! Fight!
BANG
BISH OOM

Ohh!
She's good!
...?!
KBOOM
KBVVVT

Stay back, Ibara!
RA
TA TA
Aoi...!

VWOOO
BOOM
FWOOM
Ho ho!
Yes! Yes, my dolls!
BTOOOM

KRSH
French bastards !
Tch! Hiding underground *again* ?!
...
?!
KCHK
First things first: y'got any ammo?!
HUFF
HUFF
Guys ... listen :D

??
...It does?
That's a four-leaf clover!
It means good luck!
Yeah!
They say that if y'find more of 'em, good luck'll come your way!

Heh, that makes you a year older'n me!
I'm 13... in middle school... Kiara.
My name's Ryunosuke!
How old are you?
PSST
I'm not gonna try to run...!
C'mon!
PSST
I'll help you look for more of those!
Hey, I know!
!
SWSH
SLAP

What're you doin'?!
Jerk!
!
GWSH
You okay, Klara?!
Gah! Leggo!
Awfully pesky, this "Retrieval Unit."
So that's what's going on...

We just gotta work together this time!
We have power in numbers! We can get him back!
You have to turn me over before they hurt him!
They have Ryunosuke!
Are you up to no good again?! Huh?!
What's the old geezer doing here?
!
Hold up...
?!
I saved Ibara Naruse's life! Right, Ibara?!
No, no!!

She was looking for you.
Dr. Coppelius ...
How are you related to Setsuna Itami?
That girl is *not* my daughter!
S-Stop!
Say your prayers ...
...cuz I'm gonna teach you the meaning of *pain* before I kill you!
You're *spying* for them, aren'tcha ?!
BZZZT
What ...?!
...

SMASH
What did you just say?
Your daughter?
I despise photos, you see...
This is the only one I have left.

This stud is *you*?!
It's the spitting image of Kurosawa...
Eh?!
She is my daughter, Setsuna.
I believe this was taken on Children's Day, when she was six years old.
...the girl next to you...
So...
Setsuna was conceived through artificial insemination.
I didn't *need* a wife.
You had a wife?!
So even a mad scientist can get married!
Holy crap on a stick!

I simply ...
It wasn't that I wished for a child...
What ...?!
Doctor ...
There were two Coppelion who looked just like her.
Are they her—?
...
That's not relevant right now.
SHSH
No matter how many copies you create ...
...they will never be the original.
Neither one is my daughter.
Yes... they are her clones.

BT DING

I can sense people coming this way...
They're Coppelion!

What's wrong, Kanon?!

TMP
TMP
Everyone, into that building!
It's the Retrieval Unit!

HMPH

SPLSH
Wow...
She looks just like the girl in his photo.
They've got a tight grip on him!
One wrong move and they could crush him!
Oh no... Ryuncoulis ...

Should we try some-place else?
Nobody here.
SWSH
Then they're still close.
!
Fired less than ten minutes ago.
SIIT
Bullet casing's still hot.
Don't we have a mega-phone?
That's easy, bro.
How shall we draw them out?

Put this on!
It's from that store across the way.
Ibara, you're gonna catch a cold!
Um... yeah?
Aoi...
Thanks!
FWAP
Okay!
Ibara...
This wouldn't've happened if I were stronger...
I'm sorry.

I wish I could trade places with you!
Why do you have to...
I was so happy...
...when you said you'd keep me safe.
Ibara... it's okay.
Let me talk to those people...
...and get Ryunosuke back! You'll see!

AOI FU-KASAKU! SHOW YOUR-SELF!
?!
TESTING, TEST-ING! THIS THING ON?
...WE TURNED OFF HIS SUIT'S OXYGEN.
HUFF
WHEEZE
SEE, JUST A MOMENT AGO...
YOUR LITTLE FRIEND'S IN DAN-GER!
What ?!
Wh...

ARE YOU GOING TO JUST LET HIM DIE...?
OOH. YOU DON'T HAVE MUCH TIME!
HUFF
Ah... urgh...!
WHEEZE
CRASH

Did she just —?
KRSSSH
!!
KRSSSH

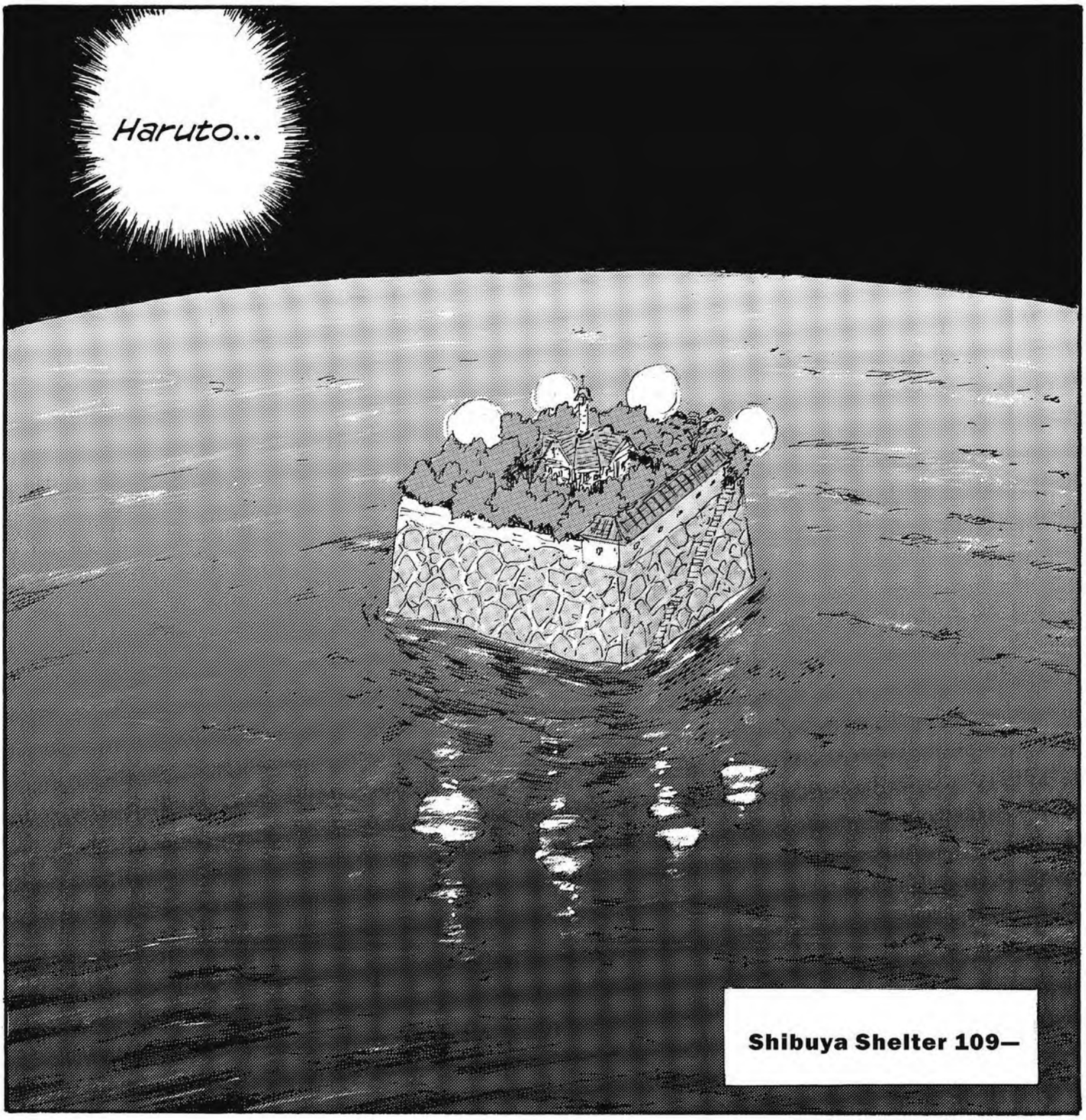
Hand him over!
Ryu-ho-suke ...
Wait!
Aoi ...!
Ryouga! Hurry up and drag her!
FWAP
Don't move!
BSHOOM

!!
No ...!
FWAP
SHFF
FWUMP
TMP

Run!
HUFF
CLICK
WHEEZE
You're not gettin' away!
RA
TA
TA
Hold it right there!
TUMP
Klara ...?!
DSH
DSH
KCHK

...!
...we don't need you anymore, brat!
Looks like...

I...
Ibara!
...Hff...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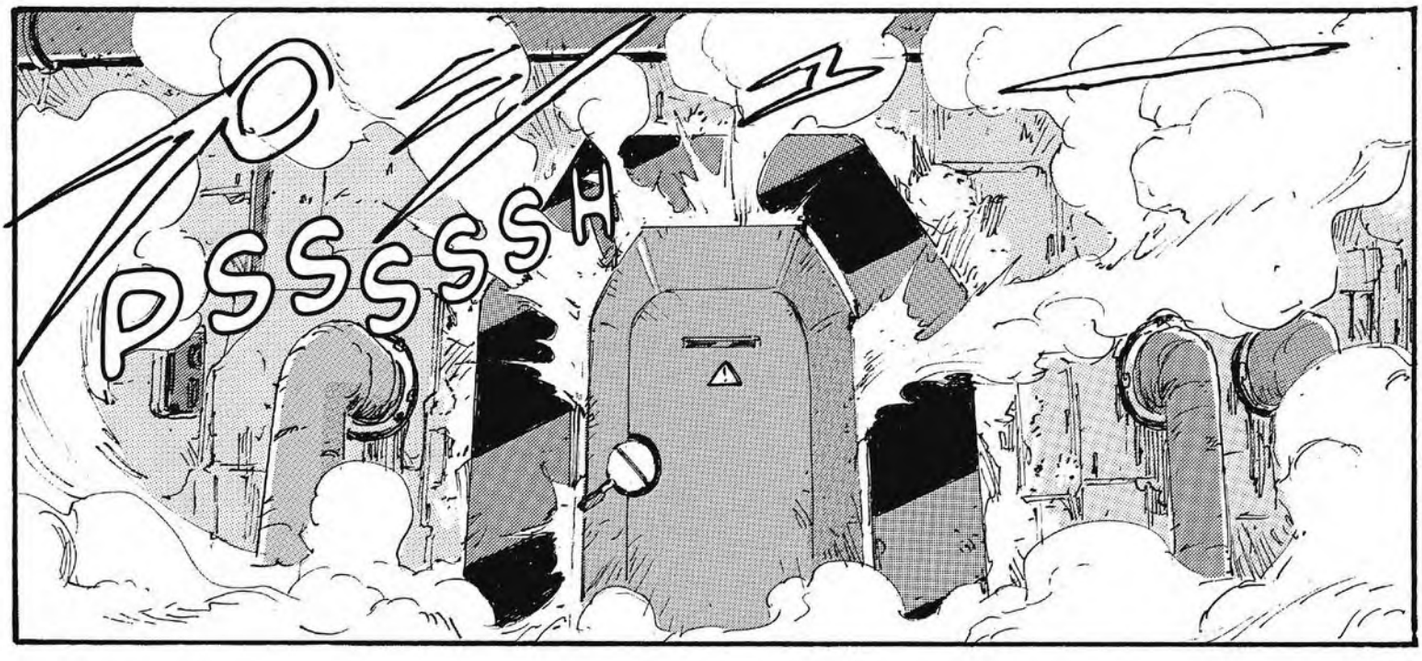
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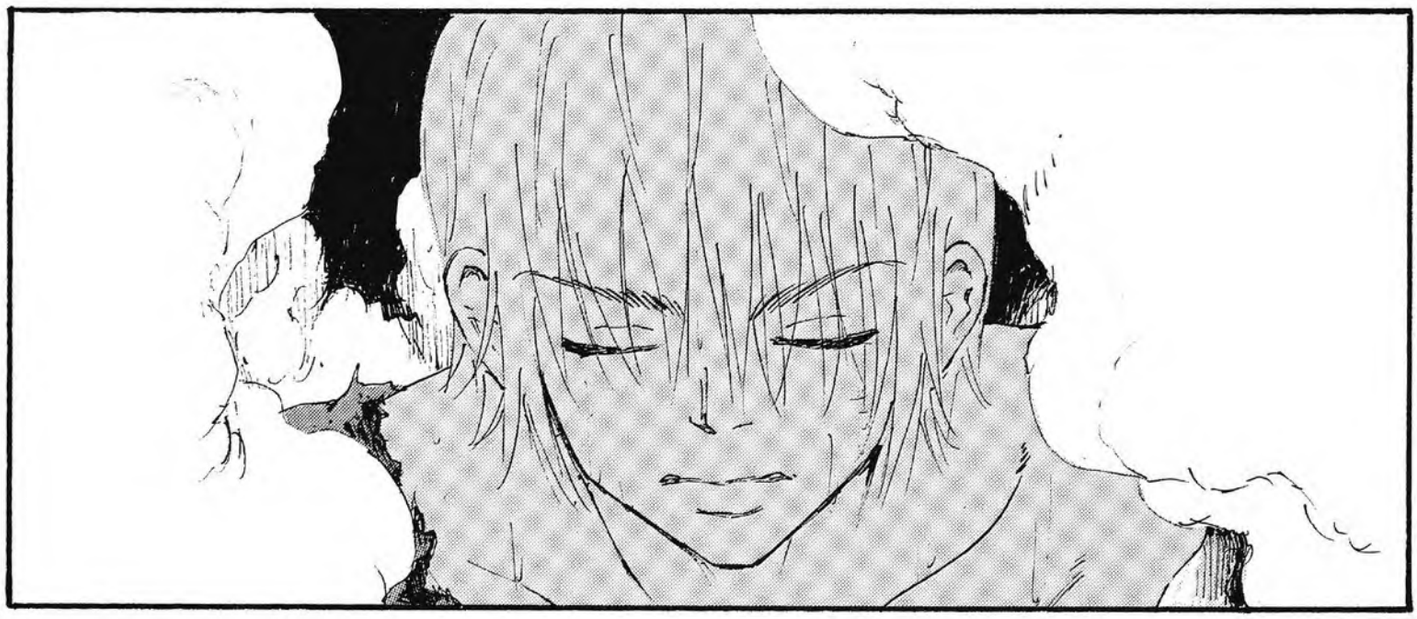

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